

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-6-53

FROM : SA *En. Fryman*SUBJECT: *695824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: *10-4-53 by phone*

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100-21222**100-**100 Max Weinstein*b6  
b7C

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fryman & CS- [redacted] at Residence*  
*of Max Weinstein evening of 10-3 - for*  
*16th Birthday party of W's daughter.*

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*Only other person there was [redacted]*  
*she is memory in -*  
*Fryman asked to use her house*  
*for P.P. Meetings. She is thinking*  
*it over -*  
*For dissemination to file*  
*134-46.*

PERSONAL DATA:

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-6-53

FROM : SA P. H. Fryman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-6 by phone

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-15137 Harry Miller  
 100-CP. Pumph & Pub.  
 100 Gus Pitkal  
 100- Max Weinslein  
 100- [redacted]

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

H. Miller to be back from NY on 10-7  
 5824-S has printed Report of Nat. CP. Conf.  
 Gus Pitkal died last week  
 Max Weinslein. talked with [redacted]  
 [redacted] mother home from Hospital  
 working most of time  
 in Rock Island

## PERSONAL DATA:

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CG 5824-S

Reference Chicago letter September 16, 1953, same caption, summarizing the informant's reactivation efforts through September 14, 1953, and Chicago letter September 21, 1953, same caption, reporting the results of the informant's twenty hour discussion with PHIL BART, Midwest Regional Director of the CP Underground, on September 15-16, 1953.

The following is a summary of the informant's efforts from September 15th through 29, 1953:

Referenced Chicago letter of September 21, 1953, sets forth information received from BART on the following matters: Present organization structure of the CP; security measures of the CP; the position and activities of BART; the "Four or Five Year" plan of the CP to create a new Underground CP and CP leadership if the Mc Carran Act is upheld in the court; the "Daily Worker" as an organizational problem; the effect of the Smith Act arrests on the CP; the recently held national CP conference; the reaction of CP leadership to Bureau Current Interview Program; and the results of a discussion between BART and the informant relative to the nature of the National Office work of the informant. This letter additionally reported that SIGMUND EISENSCHER, missing Milwaukee Smith Act subject since August, 1951, was one of the contact people used to effect the meeting between the informant and BART.

In addition to the above information, the informant has furnished information received from BART on the following additional subjects: CP - USA Farm Matters; CP - USA - strategy in industry and particularly relating to Cominfil of the UAW - CIO and the UE - CIO; and miscellaneous information concerning persons with long histories in the CP. A letter is in preparation incorporating this information and as a result of the BART Contact and the information obtained it is believed that the Bureau will have

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cc: 1 - New York (134- NY 694-S) (REGISTERED) *134-46-253*

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an accurate current picture of the entire CP organizational structure, as well as the future program which the CP is developing under the United Front label.

Of even greater importance than the information obtained by informant in his initial contact with the CP Underground leadership, is the potential value of this informant once he is entrenched in a definite National Leadership position.

The contact with BART has definitely established that the informant is assigned for work by the National Office of the CP.

Referenced Chicago letter of September 21, 1953, pointed out that the matter of the nature of the proposed work of the informant was a subject of lengthy discussion between the informant and BART. It was finally agreed that the informant would assist in formulating Party policy and analyzing "political trends" and exchange ideas through personal contact and memoranda with the National leadership. The duties were not more specifically outlined but informant has the definite commitment from BART that he will be actively engaged in and kept informed of the every day operations of the Party. The informant will be provided with Party documents in connection with his work and these documents should be of great value to the Bureau. It should also be noted that BART told the informant that the work would be concretized when he, BART, or someone else representing the National Office of the CP, saw the informant in about a month.

The informant has advised that he considers the obtaining of the above commitments as a step in the right direction. He pointed out that when one considers that he, the informant, has been inactive and has had no contact with the National leadership for six years, he feels that his accomplishments in a single meeting with the top Underground leadership were significant and indicative of the trust the national leadership has in him. He pointed out that during the twenty hour discussion BART briefed him on confidential organizational matters and on almost every phase of the current party program. On the occasion of the next meeting informant feels that BART may fill in on other details and possibly be more specific on who constitutes the real leadership of the CP and how they operate.



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The informant followed up his meeting with BART by scheduling a meeting on September 29, 1953, with WILLIAM SENNETT, CP District No. 8 open leader who was one of the individuals who took the informant part of the way prior to the meeting with informant and BART. The informant held a two hour meeting with SENNETT on that date and expressed the opinion that SENNETT is now more ready to speak freely to him and to seek the informant's advice. During this conversation SENNETT briefed the informant on the District No. 8 work in connection with Party concentration in the plants in the Chicago area and particularly in reference to its program to increase the number of Party shop papers as being an effort by the Party to intensify its United Front Program in the shops and for that reason he stated that the publications at present will be designed to deal with the concrete problems within the respective shops in which they are published.

SENNETT next told the informant that a Midwest "Daily Worker" Conference would be held during the following week presumably in Chicago with ALAN MAX, MAX GORDON, and either ABNER BERRY or PITMAN, of the "Daily Worker" staff, in attendance. He told the informant that there would be one other person whose identity he did not know at that time present at the conference to make "on the spot" decisions. The purpose of this conference, according to SENNETT, is to discuss immediate problems of the "Daily Worker," including the problem of distribution and increased circulation. He told the informant that at present there are approximately 500 "Daily Workers" sold in the district and 4000 copies of "The Worker." He added that at present there are no paid employees of the "Daily Worker" staff in the Chicago area but that the district at the coming conference will insist that a committee of at least three people be established to be responsible for the "Daily Worker" in this area, its makeup, and its circulation.

SENNETT also displayed a mimeographed copy of a pamphlet on the recently held National Conference of the CP which consisted of the main report of the Conference by one ANDREW STEVENS, which name, according to the informant, is obviously a pseudonym. SENNETT told the informant that the report on the National Conference was presently in printing and that the informant would be provided with a copy as soon as they reach Chicago.

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He also told the informant that he would be unable to furnish the informant with a copy of the report on the conference which he had received from New York because he, SENNETT, was preparing a report to be given to the District No. 8 Political Bureau within the next few days and needed a copy to prepare for such conference.

SENNETT then told the informant that the district is presently having difficulty locating meeting places for the District Bureau in the Chicago area and asked the informant to recommend the names of certain trusted comrades in the Chicago area whose home might be used for such meetings. The informant told SENNETT that he would make inquiries among his personal contacts in an effort to secure additional meeting places for the District Bureau.

The informant then raised the question of his dues. SENNETT made inquiry as to what he was making in the way of salaries or other income, after which the informant was assessed regular monthly dues and paid \$5 for dues for the current month and for the special Party assessment, equal to one month's dues for Party concentration work in the South.

SENNETT then discussed certain political problems confronting District No. 8 leadership in connection with its United Front Program for the coming Mayoral and Congressional elections in Illinois in 1954. He told the informant that the present program calls for Party endorsement of all candidates who are endorsed by the unions but that in cases where these candidates have previously asserted themselves as opposed to Communism the Party endorsement would be made with qualifications. He mentioned that the particular point of Party concentration in connection with Illinois Congressional elections will be Peoria, Illinois, where the Party will campaign against Congressman HARRY VELDE and will line up and organize the trade unions in that area to endorse any candidates who can beat VELDE.

SENNETT next told the informant that JOE STAROBIN, former foreign correspondent of the "Daily Worker" in Europe recently returned, is presently making a trip, but that he, SENNETT, did not know as of the present time, whether STAROBIN would include Chicago in this trip. The informant made it known that if STAROBIN appeared in Chicago he desired to talk to him about the European and Far East political situation insofar as the Party is concerned.

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The informant advised that SENNETT made only two general inquiries of him as to the nature and scope of informant's work and further indicated that he did not expect specific replies to either of the questions asked. The informant told SENNETT that he would work nationally, that he would be available to help the District through consultations, but that his only actual connection with the District would be that the District was to receive his dues and see to it that he had access to all Party materials.

SENNETT agreed to give the informant access to all Party materials of the District and the national material received by the District, and stated that he would agree to accept the informant's Party dues.

The informant, in connection with dues, made a vague reference as to whether or not SENNETT desired dues from CS [redacted] informant [redacted] and was told by SENNETT that it would not be necessary for the time being. b7D

It has been agreed that until such time as BART or another National Office person sees the informant in about a month or less and further details on the informant's assignment are known, it would be inadvisable to see many people beyond the scope of those with whom he is currently in contact.

The informant continues to report all information received from LENA SCHERER and her husband, both prominent Communists in New York, on the National Office and New York District, and continues to obtain documents from these sources.

The informant's wife, on September 15, 1953, was contacted by phone by CHARLES MITCHELL, CP trade union leader of this District, who is presently on an underground assignment. The informant on that date was at a meeting with PHIL BART and therefore CS [redacted] told MITCHELL to call again on to come over whenever he is free. The informant has not yet seen MITCHELL but through other contacts has learned that MITCHELL is still around and attending school. b7D

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On September 28, 1953, SUE COHEN, a prominent Hyde Park Communist leader, spent the entire day at the informant's residence. The visit in the main was social in nature, but the informant furnished considerable information concerning leading Hyde Park Communists.

#### EVALUATION AND PLANS

It now appears that the value of the informant has been established although the exact official position which he will have in the National leadership of the Party has not yet been determined. It is possible that on the occasion of the next contact of BART with the informant, possibly on or about October 15, 1953, a better evaluation of this informant's potential can be made.

It is also felt that the informant is intelligent enough to work towards further advancement in the National leadership provided he is allowed to work carefully and slowly as he has done in the past and that now a basis has been laid for informant's advancement to a key position at some time in the future.

It is believed very significant that BART, who was acting on instructions, briefed informant generally on every phase of the Party work and on the Party organization structure. The briefing will necessarily be followed by more specific detailing of the Party structure and program since this will be necessary in connection with the informant's work and must necessarily follow if the informant is to be an active person engaged in policies and political work.

It is expected that once the informant establishes himself he will be seen and consulted by individuals in leadership on a more or less regular basis and that these talks will be on specific subjects and will result in discussions on cadres working in these fields of Communist activity.

The informant's spirit continues to be excellent although he is having difficulty in securing the consent of CS [redacted] to re-enter the CP. It will be recalled that CCS [redacted] in the 1930's handled CP district finances and was considered as one of the top money raisers of the Party.

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at that time. In the late 1930's she was the District Treasurer of the CP and it is believed her reluctance to re-join the CP is in part based on her knowledge that once she agrees to return to the Party she will again be as deeply involved as before.

This matter has been discussed in detail with the informant and the question was raised as to whether or not the agent should discuss the matter with the source. The informant advised that at this time he believes he can handle the matter in his own way, but that if he is unable to do so he will ask the agent to talk to the source.

The agent has developed a close personal relationship with CS [ ] who is an intelligent and capable person who could be of great service to the Bureau. This matter is being closely followed and it is hoped that the informant and the agent, or both, will be able to convince her of the need for her services. The source detests Communism and the Communist leadership, all of whom are known to her personally, and whether or not she will consent to assist the Bureau to the full extent of her capacity will depend on whether she can be convinced that without her full cooperation CG 5824-S will be unable to satisfy the Party's demands and will therefore possibly be jeopardized in his work.

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In that connection the informant has advised that he believes that he may satisfy the Party's demands regarding CS [ ] by convincing them that she is now and has been for the past few years aiding the Party through helping care for CG 5824-S and is doing his leg work and also by making financial contributions to the Party through turning over her insurance commissions to the Party leadership.

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Possible Basis for Reluctance  
of CS [ ] to Reactivate

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It is believed that one of the big reasons why this source might be so strongly against returning to the Party is that she is afraid about possible deportation in the event

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that current CP activities on her part come to the attention of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, thus causing an investigation of her citizenship status. She was naturalized in 1942 after she had left the CP, but her Party activities precede her naturalization. It is known that INS has witnesses including PAUL CROUCH, JAN WITTENBUR, and others, to testify concerning her previous Party membership.

It is also known that an INS Inspector in Chicago on April 28, 1953, stated that if he could not deport the informant he would get the informant by building a case against his wife. The Bureau by letter of June 1, 1953, entitled CG 5824-S, was advised of these facts and this office was advised by the Bureau that in the Bureau's opinion no attempt should be made to have INS, Chicago, discontinue inquiries relative to CS [redacted] however, the Bureau had no objection to discreetly contacting INS by pretext to determine the status of the inquiry, and the Bureau suggested the possibility that INS might be discouraged from investigation due to subject's inactivity. The Bureau requested to be kept advised of all developments. b7D

In accordance with instructions, agents of this office contacted the District Director of INS and his Assistants on June 29, 1953, on the general matter of getting better liaison between INS and the Bureau in connection with interviews of Communists, either active or those who had defected, and particularly to secure assurance from INS that INS would not investigate individuals for deportation purposes without having previously secured clearance for such investigations from this office. INS advised on the matter of investigations that it is the policy of that office to secure clearance from the Bureau; however, on matters relating to the location of witnesses among former CP members, it was pointed out by INS that it was not always possible to secure clearance first from the Bureau. However, commitment was received from the INS officials to the extent that investigations would be instructed, where possible, to secure clearance of the Chicago Office of the Bureau before potential witnesses, who were formerly Communists, were interviewed, and the definite commitment was secured from them that before active investigations on any Communist subject were begun by INS, clearance of the Chicago Office would be obtained. No specific reference was made to any individuals during these discussions.

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On September 8, 1953, a check was made of the INS records, Chicago, to determine whether the source was presently under investigation. It was determined that no consolidated file exists on her at the present time but that numerous references existed on her. Again no specific reason was given by the agents for the inquiry concerning the source.

In reference to the statement in Bureau letter of June 1, 1953, that it may be possible for this office to discourage investigation of the source due to inactivity, it is pointed out that INS gives every indication of pursuing deportation cases to the fullest extent that it is authorized under the law and to do so regardless of the activity or inactivity of the subject.

Cases in point on this matter in this area include that of JAN WITTENBUR, of Milwaukee, a Communist who defected in the late 1930's, and MARIE KRATOCHVIL, of Chicago, a woman 76 years of age whose membership in the 1930's was used as basis for deportation proceedings,

These cases are pointed out to indicate that the present policies of the department and of INS are to deport anyone and everyone who can be proved to have been a Communist prior to naturalization whether or not they are currently active in the Party or whether or not they might be presently openly hostile to the CP.

A case in point on the matter above involves the case of the Communist FARINA, who organized the CP in 1919 and defected in 1923. Within the past year a deportation proceeding was begun against this person and a deportation order issued.

It therefore appears that any effort by this office to discourage INS from deporting CS [redacted] without an express and definite reason, so that INS could be protected from criticism, would be probably met with negative results.

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The precarious situation that this source is left in is further accentuated should she be asked by the Bureau to reactivate, thus bringing renewed activity to the attention of INS.

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The solution to this problem is not an easy one, but sooner or later it must be resolved because it is certain that if deportation proceedings were ever instituted against this source, it would seriously jeopardize relations between CG 5824-S and NY 694-S and the Bureau.

It is pointed out that INS has the witnesses to deport the source, and despite assurances that clearances are requested of the Bureau, there is always the possibility that through error or intention INS may begin proceedings without the knowledge of this office and despite periodic checks on her status with INS by this office.

Referring to the problem at hand, that is, how to convince CS [ ] to reenter the Party to aid the Bureau, it is believed that if some assurances could be given to her it would greatly assist in securing her consent to reactivate.

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It is felt that as the source's INS status exists today the matter cannot be discussed with her because of the possibility that deportation action may result through matters beyond the Bureau's control and thus great embarrassment might occur to the Bureau, insofar as the Bureau's relations with the two above informants and the source are concerned.

It is also felt that if some arrangements could be made that would preclude the possibility of deportation proceedings through renewed activities of the source, that it would then be possible to convince her that she should reactivate.

Since BART demands the source's reactivation and since she has the potentiality of an excellent informant at a high level, it is suggested that the Bureau's position relative to no direct intervention on behalf of the source with INS be reviewed and that the possibility for a solution be re-explored.

It is believed that a possible solution of this problem might emanate from this office through a letter directed to INS, stating that this office is presently conducting an investigation on this source and requesting that clearance be obtained prior to any active investigation by INS. The Bureau is requested to give serious consideration



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to this matter because as it stands now there is always the possibility of a deportation prosecution against the source and this would jeopardize relations of this office with the informant and the source.

Miscellaneous Problems Relative  
to CG 5824-S and NY 694-S

Two other matters of importance are also being brought to the attention of the Bureau.

The first concerns the matter of the informant's source of income. This was raised by BART and again by SENNETT on September 29, 1953, in connection with Party dues. Informant advised both subjects that he is working strictly on a commission basis for the firm of NY 694-S and makes under \$50.00 a week. He indicated that it is, in fact, a gratuity from NY 694-S because NY 694-S wants him to feel that he is earning the money he sends informant. (This is, in fact, not true because the informant is currently receiving no money from NY 694-S.)

On September 28, 1953, the informant advised that he considers the answers that he gave to place him in a dangerous position and that something must be worked out that will make his employment legitimate; that is, that he will appear as an employee on company books of NY 694-S and regularly receive company checks for services rendered. He does not have a ready solution to this matter, but feels that possibly something could be worked out to show on the books of NY 694-S that he is employed by NY 694-S's firm so that he could prove, if it was required, that he is so employed. It will be recalled that an arrangement was made previously during the year along this line but it was discontinued at the Bureau's request when it was felt that certain tax problems might come up.

The necessity for explaining income becomes more and more apparent now that informant has reactivated. It is possible that BART will offer him money on his return to Chicago and this might offer some solution to the problem. However, if the Bureau has suggestions as to how informant might show legitimate employment with the firm of NY 694-S, it is requested that the Bureau express opinions as to how it may be handled.

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The second matter concerns the possible advisability of personal conferences between NY 694-S and CG 5824-S to talk over some of the recent happenings to both informants so that neither might be exposed through a conflict in stories to Party people.

CG 5824-S telephonically contacted the New York informant on September 29, 1953, following the return of NY 694-S from Canada.

NY 694-S said that he is not certain that he can make the Photographic Convention which he had intended to attend in Chicago in October because he has been away from his work so much. He said that he would like to talk over certain matters with CG 5824-S, but that he would have to get to Chicago on a weekend and possibly not for more than eight hours.

On the basis of experience in dealing with these informants, it is certain that things can be accomplished by personal discussion that cannot be done through letter writing and particularly at this time that a trip to Chicago by NY 694-S would be advisable.

Since the trip would be solely in the interests of the Bureau, it is felt that NY 694-S should not make it unless he receives his actual expenses to make the trip.

It is also felt that this trip should be made in the near future and that in that connection New York is requested to contact NY 694-S for his views on this matter and if the New York informant feels the necessity for such personal discussion with the Chicago informant, New York is requested to so advise the Bureau and request permission to send the New York informant to Chicago.

The Bureau and New York will be advised of all developments.

One additional copy of this letter is being directed to the Bureau for

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-12-53

FROM : SA C. H. Trayman

SUBJECT: C95824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-12-53

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-125  
 1943/ CP-Strategy  
 18209 CP-Pamph & Pub

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

- ① Discussion Re October 1953 Party  
 Forum on CP-Strategy in Industry -  
 Shop papers etc. -  
 For dissemination to Subj Files  
 of A 134-46.

PERSONAL DATA:

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BUREAU

NY 694-S. INFORMANT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY CO5824-S TO MEET LATTER IN CHICAGO TO DISCUSS NY 694-S'S FUTURE ACTIVITIES AS RELATED TO CO 5824-S'S OPERATIONS. CO 5824-S ALSO DESIRES TO DISCUSS TESTIMONY OF PHIL BART BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, INsofar AS IT CONCERNS NY 694-S AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY BART IN EVENT NY 694-S SHOULD BE SUBPOENAED BY FORESAID COMMITTEE. NY 694-S STATES PERSONAL BUSINESS PREVENTS HIS GOING TO CHICAGO BEFORE OCTOBER 23. HE WILL GO ON THAT DATE FOR ONE OR TWO DAY STAY UACB.

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SAC, New York (100-57863; 100-34665)

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Director, FBI (100-333734)

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ANNA CHERNENKY BOLDT  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York let dated September 25, 1953, in which it is indicated that information has been received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflecting that Boldt was born in Russia February 19, 1911, and is not a citizen of this country.

Since the Bureau file on Boldt reflects that she was born in Chicago on April 10, 1912, you should obtain complete citizenship data on Anna Boldt and transmit such data to the Bureau under her caption so that her file will be complete.

For the information of both offices, this is to advise that Headquarters, Immigration and Naturalization Service, has been furnished with a memorandum requesting notification prior to any positive steps of a prosecutive nature regarding Anna Chernenky Boldt inasmuch as such steps may jeopardize an important investigation being conducted.

You should contact the local office of INS and advise that this matter is being discussed by the Bureau with Headquarters, INS.

2 cc: SAC, Chicago (134-46)

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-9-53

FROM : SA J. H. Freeman

SUBJECT: C95824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-8-53 Personal.

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-2398 (CP-USA)

65-3850 (Mask)

100-27692 (Ident Unknown Subj. Cleveland)

100-28008 (Margaret Krumbein)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

① Furnished Nat. CPUSA Conf. Pamphlet issued Sept 1953 and discussed pamphlet.

② 65-3850 - CP + Soviet Espionage, Coveries etc.

③ 100-27692 - Ident Unknown Subj. Cleveland  
Possibly Max Weiss or Brooks former  
DO of Colorado.

(4) 100-28008 - Background &amp; Family School

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Rebulet 8/21/53 and NY let 8/7/53 entitled "NY 694-S"  
(Bufile 100-340711).

Since returning from his recent trip to Chicago NY 694-S has made repeated efforts to contact BETTY GANNETT, CP functionary, regarding authorization for him to act as a CP courier between the Canadian CP and the CPUSA, but to date has been unsuccessful in contacting her. Through his CP contacts the informant has learned that she will not be available for interview for at least another week. Although the Canadian CP suggested informant secure authorization from either GANNETT or WILLIAM Z. PORTER, NY 694-S prefers to await interview with GANNETT rather than to have immediate interview with PORTER, which probably could be arranged.

He prefers to talk to GANNETT in the first instance because he believes that even though he should discuss the matter with PORTER, the latter would refer him to GANNETT for a decision, and, secondly, because, by reason of GANNETT's interview last Fall with CG 5824-S, she is aware of NY 694-S's reactivation in the CP, and would be less inclined to be suspicious of NY 694-S's motives in seeking permission to act as a CP courier than would be PORTER, who knows the informant to have been BROWDER's "confidential man", and who, knows little, if anything, concerning NY 694-S's reactivation in the Party.

Pending decision from GANNETT concerning his proposed courier activities between the Canadian CP and CPUSA, NY 694-S prefers not to discuss with his business partner the matter of the proposed subsidiary of the informant's company in Canada. He feels that should his partner now agree to the formation of a Canadian subsidiary company, and subsequently GANNETT oppose his proposed connection with the Canadian CP, he would be in an embarrassing position as regards his partner, to whom the matter would have been presented only as a possibly profitable business enterprise, and who would not understand a later decision not to engage in the Canadian enterprise. Considering the security of

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          (1 - 100-1162) (ROBERT BROWN)  
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his own and CG 5824-S's operations in behalf of the Bureau, NY 694-S feels that serious consideration must be given to the advisability of negotiating concerning the Canadian subsidiary company if GVALETT should object to his being a CP courier.

With respect to his recent trip to Chicago, the informant furnished the following information.

In Chicago the informant contacted ROBERT A. BROWN, mentioned in referenced New York letter as an individual known to NY 694-S as "JOHNSON", who, reportedly having fled to Canada in the 1930's b/ reason of being sought for espionage activities in the US, was hidden in Canada for several years by the Canadian CP.

BROWN expected a visit from NY 694-S, having been advised to that effect by JACK COWAN of the Canadian CP when BROWN and COWAN met in Canada shortly after NY 694-S returned to New York from Canada. BROWN greeted the informant cordially, and mentioned the occasion of his last meeting with NY 694-S. This was when NY 694-S gave BROWN final instructions regarding his return to Chicago pursuant to the Canadian CP's request that NY 694-S pave the way for BROWN's safe return to Chicago.

BROWN recalled that the informant had instructed him to report immediately to his draft board, even though at the time he was a year late in so reporting, and when questioned, to say that "he had been in the North woods, roughing it." Before reporting to the draft board, however, he had been instructed by the informant to contact CG 5824-S in Chicago. This he did, and CG 5824-S approved of his reporting to the draft board, telling him also that if he should not be drafted, he should stay away from the CP and "lose himself."

According to BROWN, he reported to his local draft board. The draft board, in BROWN's presence, called the FBI, inquiring whether BROWN was "wanted", and if not, what disposition should be made of his case. The FBI, BROWN stated, informed the draft board that BROWN was not "wanted" and that the draft board should handle his case in routine fashion. BROWN then was registered for the draft, and immediately volunteered for active duty. By reason of his age, however, he was given a deferment (BROWN, according to his statement to NY 694-S, is now 57 years old).



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Thereafter, following CG 5824-S's advise, BROWN promptly "got lost" as far as the CP was concerned. He contacted two former "comrades", JOE WEBER and JOHN LAWSON, who helped him to obtain a position as a machinist, a trade for which BROWN had been trained. For several years he worked in various concerns as a machinist, and finally, a few years ago, organized, with three other men, the B & F Machinery Co., now located at 1429 North Keating, Chicago. The other founders of the company were BROWN's brother BEN (a former YCL member), a man referred to by BROWN only as "FRITZ", and another man, referred to by BROWN only as "TED". "TED" no longer is in the company, having sold his interest to BROWN for \$25,000.00. The office manager of the company is another brother of BROWN, not mentioned by name. This brother came from Latvia recently as a DP, and according to BROWN "is anti-Soviet and a Fascist."

The company, according to BROWN, is very successful, employing fifty people, and he is very proud of its Dun and Bradstreet rating. Sixty percent of its contracts are with the Bendix Aircraft Co. and other aircraft companies, for which it makes precision parts for landing gears, etc.

Referring to his Canadian trip from which he recently returned, BROWN said that he had spent most of his time with JACK COWAN, Canadian CP functionary, but had seen "PHILLIPS and the other boys." He gave them a large sum of money for their recent election campaign. According to BROWN, since his days as a fugitive in Canada, he never has lost contact with his Canadian CP friends, and continues to be in close contact with them. He mentioned that several years ago, before obtaining government contracts, the B & F Co. was "in difficulty", and that JACK COWAN played an important role in reorganizing the company. It was at COWAN's suggestion that BROWN bought "TED's" interest in the company. Since the reorganization, business has been excellent, and the company is ten months behind in filling orders.

Concerning local CP contacts, BROWN mentioned that he is in contact with IRON KATZ and RALPH SHAW, functionaries in the Chicago CP. Until recently, when a major sub-contract from a defense plant required "clearance" for the B & F Co., SHAW worked at the B & F Co. BROWN and SHAW agreed that SHAW should resign

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from the company lest his association therewith jeopardize B & F's obtaining the aforementioned contract. In connection with this contract the FBI made inquiry concerning SHAW. BROWN was very courteous to the FBI and pretended to be cooperative. He disclaimed any knowledge of SHAW's CP affiliation, stating that SHAW was just one of many people who worked for him, and concerning whose outside activities he knew nothing.

BROWN maintains regular contact with SHAW, from time to time giving the latter money for the CP. BROWN is very careful in making CP contacts, which are limited. His meetings with SHAW are carefully arranged. SHAW sends him a postcard, unsigned, indicating that he will meet BROWN for lunch or dinner at a prearranged restaurant.

On 8/24/53, the informant met BROWN at the latter's home. After mentioning that he keeps himself informed regarding C USA affairs, BROWN opened a closet door and showed NY 694-S that on the floor of the closet was a pile of CP literature, including recent issues of "Political Affairs" and the "Cominform Bulletin." According to BROWN, SHAW kept him supplied with this stuff.

BROWN, referring to his friend JOE WEBER, mentioned above, stated that if he were sure of WEBER's status in the US, he would finance the organization of a business similar to that of the B & F Company for WEBER. The informant received the impression that WEBER is the subject of a deportation order.

BROWN informed NY 694-S that he is constantly alert to the possibility of surveillances, and also to the possibility that his telephone is tapped. At the time of the investigation of SHAW, he believed his telephone was being tapped because he heard "continued, interrupted clicks on the telephone."

NY 694-S made a point of asking BROWN how sure the latter was that he was not under investigation by the FBI. BROWN replied that he was quite sure for several reasons. First, he said, "if the FBI had anything on him, they would have approached" him long ago. Secondly, he stated, while he was hiding in Canada, the FBI inquired about his whereabouts from his brother BEN. According to BROWN, the FBI exhibited to BEN "a photograph of a dead man killed in a Wyoming accident," and asked BEN whether the dead man was BROWN. BEN informed the FBI that the dead man was his brother.

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On the basis of these remarks, BROWN stated that "everything is OK - the FBI believes that I am dead."

In the course of the discussion, NY 694-S told BROWN that from time to time the informant's company could use the services of the B & F Company. BROWN indicated that he would be only too happy to do business with NY 694-S's company.

BROWN also mentioned that he is an amateur photographer, using a 35 millimeter Lica camera. He requested the informant to obtain for him a wide-angle lens for his camera. NY 694-S promised to do this for BROWN.

In referring to the past, BROWN mentioned his "old friend, BILL GEBERT," who, according to NY 694-S was a Chicago CP functionary in the late 1930's and early 1940's. BROWN said that GEBERT now is a government official in Poland, and that on his last visit to the US to attend a United Nations conference, GEBERT contacted BROWN.

BROWN further stated that he is in contact with an individual in the Niagara Auto Parts Co., which is mentioned in referenced NY letter as a source of information for the Canadian CP. BROWN pronounced this person's name in such a way that NY 694-S could not be sure whether he called him "SAMMY" or "SOMMIE". It may be noted that if the name were "SOMMIE", the reference might be to JOHN SOMMER of the Buffalo CP, also referred to in referenced NY letter as one of SAM CARR's border contacts.

In a reference to his former partner "TED", BROWN stated that "TED" had been questioned about him by the FBI, and immediately thereafter informed BROWN of the FBI's interest in the latter. In appreciation of this friendly gesture on the part of "TED", BROWN "went overboard" in paying "TED" \$25,000.00 for the latter's interest in the B & F Company.

BROWN also mentioned that he has "a five per cent arrangement" with a firm in South Bend, Indiana, which procures government contracts for him. He did not identify this company.

It was agreed by NY 694-S and BROWN that when the informant next goes to Chicago, he will arrange a meeting of BROWN and CG 5824-S, whom BROWN desires to see. It was also agreed that any correspondence between BROWN and NY 694-S will be channeled through their respective business offices.

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A review of the New York file in the case entitled "RUBENS-ROBINSON Passport Case, Passports and Visas, I - R," Bufile 40-3923, New York file 40-241 reflected information of interest in regard to ROBERT BROWN.

An investigation conducted by the U.S. State Department reflected certain information concerning one ROBERT BROWN, was: Robert Brown Kishkis, Charles Miller. A comprehensive report of the information in the possession of the U.S. State Department concerning the RUBENS-ROBINSON Passport Case is presently in preparation in the New York Office, and will be furnished to the Bureau and other offices, including Chicago, in the near future.

In 1934 ARNOLD RUBENS, a Soviet agent, on a trip to Europe at that time, used a passport in the name of ROBERT BROWN. The passport had been mailed to ROBERT BROWN at 1432 Foster Ave., Wilmette, Illinois. Although the U.S. State Department investigation did not positively identify BROWN, it was ascertained that he was a machinist and an organizer for the CIO. His employment record reflected that he had worked for EASTMAN and BLISSING, a Chicago firm. He also had been employed in a machine shop in South Bend, Indiana. Subsequently he was employed by the Westinghouse Electric Co. and by the Crane Co. in Chicago. The U.S. State Department file further reflected that BROWN's brother BERNARD BROWN, of 3228 West Division St., Chicago, was interviewed concerning him.

In 1938 the U.S. State Department interviewed ROBERT BROWN's wife, AUGUSTA BROWN, nee SKOPP, at 1514 South Millard St., Chicago. She stated she had married BROWN in July, 1936. At the time of interview in 1938 she was expecting the birth of a child.

In April, 1938 the U.S. State Department <sup>Hansen</sup> interviewed a Mrs. [redacted] Chicago, who advised that ROBERT and BERNARD BROWN were the sons of JOHN BROWN, and that their names on arrival in the US were ROBERT and BERNARD KISHKIN. Mrs. [redacted] identified herself as a housekeeper for JOHN BROWN until he died in April 1936. She stated that JOHN BROWN also had two [redacted] who lived in Gary, Indiana, but whose married names were unknown to her. She also mentioned that the mother of JOHN BROWN's children was not the woman to whom he last had been married.

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The U. S. State Department file further reflected that ROBERT BROWN probably furnished RUBENS with other naturalization certificates.

It is also to be noted that Chicago is office of origin in a case entitled "ROBERT BROWN, was: Robert Kishkia. SM-C," Chicago file 100-1162. One Chicago informant, [redacted] has advised that the subject of the Chicago case, in the middle 1930's, was engaged in obtaining birth certificates in order to secure false passports for various Communist Party members desiring to go to Russia. Another Chicago informant, CO 5824-S, has identified the subject of the Chicago case as a machinist and a member of the CP underground in 1935 and 1936, working with WILLIAM GIBERT, formerly a district organizer for the CP in Chicago, and now an official of the Polish government.

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It will be noted that information in the Chicago case coincides with information appearing herein which was furnished by ROBERT BROWN to NY 694-S. The identification of the ROBERT BROWN in the RUBENS-ROBINSON Passport Case as ROBERT BROWN KISHKIS also indicates that said BROWN is identical with the subject of the above mentioned Chicago security case.

NY 694-S furnished the following current description of ROBERT BROWN:

Age	57
Citizenship	U.S. (naturalized at age of 16 derivatively)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160 - 165
Hair	Gray on sides - bald on top
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium

On 9/8/53, NY 694-S advised that he had just received a letter from JACK COWAN, stating that ROBERT BROWN will be in Toronto again on either October 3rd or October 10th.

The Bureau and Chicago will be advised promptly of all developments in this matter. NY 694-S states that in his opinion the Chicago office should refrain from making any inquiries concerning BROWN among his employees, present partner and former partner, these individuals being in the informant's opinion, most unreliable.

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TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 10-15-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On the above date the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered and expenses from 10-1 through 10-15-53 at the Palmer Hours and receipt obtained.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: October 14, 1953

*gws* FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

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SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

Reurlet dated October 7, 1953, summarizing the recent activity of this informant. On pages eight, nine and ten of referenced letter you point out the possibility that the Immigration and Naturalization Service may investigate informant's [redacted] for possible deportation. b7D

It will be recalled that when you brought this matter up previously you pointed out that a contact with local INS relative to informant's wife would undoubtedly indicate to INS the Bureau's interest in her and, therefore, no action was taken. In referenced letter on page nine you point out that local INS has no consolidated file on informant's wife though there are numerous references to her. Evidently INS is not conducting any investigation on informant's wife.

You are requested to advise whether you feel it necessary for the Bureau to contact the Central Office of INS relative to CS [redacted] in the same manner as the Bureau has notified INS of our interest in the informant, informant's brother and various contacts such as Marcel Scherer, Lena Scherer and Anna Boldt. If such action is taken by the Bureau, the Central Office of INS will notify Chicago, INS, of the Bureau's interest and of the necessity to contact the Bureau before proceeding against informant's wife. b7D

With regard to the remarks made by the INS representative and set forth on page eight of referenced letter, for your information all INS offices are under instructions to obtain clearance from the FBI before taking action of an investigative nature in any case involving elements of espionage, sabotage or any subversive activities where information is available or comes to the attention of INS that subversive activities are being investigated by the FBI. This is set forth in "Operations Instructions," of INS in Section 550. I - Page 4111.

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Accordingly, local INS is obligated to check with you in a situation such as this, where local INS knows informant and informant's wife have a history of Communist Party activities, before conducting investigation of its own. In the event local INS does not desire to conduct such an investigation, but merely anticipates developing an informant or a witness through investigation or a contact with informant or his wife, then Headquarters, INS, must be contacted and clearance obtained by Headquarters, INS, from the Bureau before the local office can take such action.

On page eleven of referenced letter you point out that informant's lack of a source of income has been the subject of discussion by Phil Bart and William Sennett. The informant has advised both individuals that he is working on a strictly commission basis for NY 694-S which, of course, is not true. You indicated the informant considers his position dangerous and something should be done to make it appear on the company books of NY 694-S that CG 5824-S is an employee.

As mentioned previously, if CG 5824-S is listed as a regular employee of NY 694-S, numerous complications can arise which will jeopardize this entire operation and it may be possible for you to point this out to CG 5824-S. It must also be kept in mind that NY 694-S has a partner who does not know of this arrangement. The informant and his brother, NY 694-S, can indicate to their Communist contacts that the informant operates on a strict commission basis and there is no reason why NY 694-S or the informant should have to exhibit to any of their Communist contacts the actual books of NY 694-S' company. The contacts of informant and his brother in the Communist Party know that the partner of NY 694-S is not sympathetic to their cause and, therefore, the books and records of the company are not available for perusal.

In subsequent contacts with Bart, Sennett and others CG 5824-S may be able to bring up the question of employment by the Communist Party as he is in need of funds. Since CG 5824-S is now



considered a Party worker on a high level, some consideration should be given to remuneration by the Party if only on a token basis. In addition, CG 5824-S can indicate to his Party contacts the necessity for an occasional trip to New York City to meet with other national leaders, the expenses of which should be borne by the Party.

With regard to the suggested conference between CG 5824-S and NY 694-S, this is to advise that the New York Office has indicated NY 694-S will go to Chicago on October 23, 1953, and the expenses for this trip have been approved by the Bureau.

Keep the Bureau informed of all developments in this matter and if you feel any affirmative steps should be taken by the Bureau with regard to contacting INS relative to  you should so advise.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-15-53

FROM : SA *C.M. Freeman*SUBJECT: *Eq. 5824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: 10-15-53 *Personal*

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100-18209 (PP-Pamphlets - Obtained Hal Cery  
Rept. Original)**100-11134 (Marion Dodd)**100-27963**100-16607**100-21911**100-28135*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative:

*100-11134**100-27963*Positive: ☒*100-28135**100-21911**100-16607**100-18209**For dissemination to Subj. Files  
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June 29, 1953

SA CARL N. FREYMAN

CHARLES MITCHELL  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On June 23, 1953, CG 5824-S telephonically advised the writer that he had personal contact with the subject on June 22, 1953 and was told the following:

Since no other person was present, this information must be carefully handled and reported in such a way as to afford maximum protection to this high placed informant. If subject is interviewed, there should be no reference to the matter set out.

MITCHELL told informant that the District Communist Party Board had rejected the FE request for him to remain at Harvester and had assigned him underground.

He met with the board a couple of days ago and was already given some things to do and has seen some people he will work with.

MITCHELL did not indicate when he would go underground but promised to contact informant at lease by phone before he leaves.

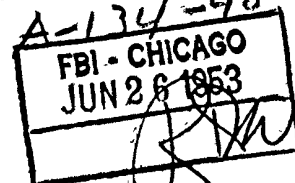
He told informant that he has seen his doctor (SOLOMAN PEARLMAN) who said he has a bleeding ulcer. He is taking medicine and the doctor said he would have to go to a hospital in a couple of weeks if the ulcer failed to respond to treatment. He said he told the District Bureau about his physical condition and it was indicated that problems were created but there was no indication that his assignment would be changed for the time being at least.

MITCHELL stated that he intends to see his doctor by the end of the week and may know more then about his physical condition.

He made no mention that any of his friends had been contacted recently by the Bureau.

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October 14, 1953

Director, FBI (100-340711)

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NY 694-S

Reurairtel dated October 9, 1953.

Authority is granted to reimburse informant for necessary expenses incurred in connection with his trip to Chicago, scheduled for October 23, 1953.

New York and Chicago should advise the Bureau promptly of all information obtained by the informant as a result of this trip.

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NY 694-S, RE NY AIRTEL ADVISING THAT NY 694-S WILL SEE WILLIAM WEINER WITHIN FEW DAYS. NY ADVISE NY 694-S THAT CG 5824-S WANTS IT MENTIONED TO WEINER THAT CG 5824-S IS UNABLE TO GET ANY WORD CONCERNING WEINER'S ILLNESS AND MAY IN DESPERATION DO SOMETHING FOOLISH, LIKE RIDING TO NY WITH SOMEONE TO SEE WEINER. CG 5824-S MAKES THIS SUGGESTION BECAUSE HE FEELS IT MAY BE ABOUT TIME FOR HIM TO LAY GROUND-WORK FOR TRIP TO NY WITHIN NEXT MONTH OR SO. ALSO ADVISE NY 694-S THAT CG 5824-S THINKS THAT NY 694-S, IN TALKING TO WEINER, SHOULD SPEAK ONLY VERY GENERALLY RE POSSIBILITY OF NY 694-S COMING TO CHICAGO WITHIN NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. REASON FOR THIS SUGGESTION IS THAT CG 5824-S FEELS THAT IF NY 694-S IS DEFINITE ABOUT SUCH TRIP, IT MAY POSSIBLY POSTPONE EXPECTED CONTACT OF CG 5824-S BY NATIONAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE. ON POINT ONE, INFORMANT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT NY 694-S, IF POSSIBLE, INDICATE TO WEINER THAT CG 5824-S IS SO ANXIOUS TO SEE WEINER THAT HE, NY 694-S, MAY FIND SOME EXCUSE IN ORDER TO PERSUADE HIM TO CALL CG 5824-S TO NY FOR BUSINESS REASONS.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-20-53

FROM : SA C. H. Freeman

SUBJECT: C95824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-20-53 by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100- Dr. Solomon Pearlman  
100- Sue Kling  
100- Harry Miller.

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: on all above

- ① Info. that Sue Kling's Father died.  
Family in mourning at Sister Norma Brown.
- ② Informant saw Dr. Pearlman
- ③ Harry Miller called [redacted] saying  
he has car. for C95824-S to trade on  
(for dissemination to Searcy file  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665) (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

October 22, 1953

SAC CHICAGO (134-46)

*JM*  
CG 5824-S

Re Chicago letter of October 7, 1953, summarizing the re-activation efforts of CG 5824-S and information furnished by this informant through September 29, 1953.

The following summary covers the period September 30 to October 14, 1953.

During the past two weeks, the informant has had no significant contacts of a National or District character, however, he has furnished good quality information and continues to lay the groundwork for his active participation in National Party leadership.

Specifically, the informant, anticipating a request of the National office for him to write an article for "Political Affairs" has been doing research in preparation for the writing of an article on "Economic Trends" from the Marxian point of view.

His material has been gathered however, he will not submit a manuscript until such time as he is requested to do so by a National Office representative. This policy is being adopted because the informant does not want to work in the Party as a theoretical writer because this type of work is time consuming and if the informant begins such a program, he will be constantly required to write and this will not be in the interest of the Bureau since he will be more or less isolated from Party connections in order to concentrate on writing. The informant, however, knows that he will be required to do some writing so he has taken time, during a more or less waiting period, to prepare an initial article.

On October 1, 1953, the informant furnished copies of four District Number 8 Communist Party Shop papers which he obtained from WILLIAM SENNETT, the open District 8 Party Organizer, on September 29, 1953. In connection therewith, the informant furnished a detailed analysis of the Party Concentration program of expanding shop papers and the distribution of same in an effort to reach every worker in the shops in basic industry in furtherance of the Party's "United Front Program."

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cc: 1-New York (134-91)(NY 694-S)(Registered)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

On the same date, the informant exhibited letters from MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communists, which contained valuable information relative to the Communist Party "Peace" program which was obtained by them in conferences with Party "Peace" leaders and from attendance at a recently held New York rally of the American Peace Crusade. The latter meeting took up the problem of defense against the citation of the Attorney General of the American Peace Crusade as a Communist organization. Information was also obtained from the SCHERERS reflecting that JOE STAROBIN, former "Daily Worker" correspondent in Europe, was making a trip to the West Coast after which he would return to New York. Information was also obtained that STAROBIN thereafter would possibly be in Chicago the latter part of October and in that connection, the informant requested the SCHERERS to arrange with STAROBIN to contact the informant in Chicago. The SCHERER letter stated they had seen STAROBIN and he had told them he would try to reach the informant if he gets to Chicago in late October.

The informant was also told by the SCHERERS about the fight between the Party and VITO MARCANTONIO over the role that the American Labor Party should play in New York in connection with the municipal and congressional elections. It stated that MARCANTONIO is fighting with the Party Program of "United Front" candidates and working in coalition with the Democratic Party because he, MARCANTONIO, feels that the Party must support the American Labor Party candidates or the ALP will be liquidated.

The informant was also told that WILLIAM LAWRENCE an active leader of the New York District Communist Party, is very busy and is left to work practically on his own by the leadership.

In addition, on the same date, the agent spent four hours with the informant in discussion of the numerous subjects involved in the Bureau Espionage-R case entitled, "Mask" and it is believed that helpful information was obtained.

On October 3, 1953, the informant spent an evening at the residence of MAX WEINSTEIN, former partner in a Communist Party business in Chicago, and a brother-in-law of HARRY BRIDGES. Following through on a request of WILLIAM SENNETT for the informant to locate a meeting place for the District Bureau of the Communist Party, the informant spoke to JEAN KOSMAN, a trusted Communist Party member in the Chicago area,



DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

who was present at the WEINSTEIN residence and asked her for the use of her seven room apartment for an occasional Party meeting place. The informant stated that KOSMAN frankly admitted that she was scared but then told the informant that she would think it over and let the informant know at a later date. The informant intends to speak to MAX WEINSTEIN and his wife, REVA, on the same matter when he gets the opportunity.

On October 7, 1953, the informant advised that his courier, HARRY MILLER, had taken a note of the informant's to WILLIAM WEINER and that MILLER had stated that he would see WEINER on October 3, 1953. MILLER, according to informant, was due to return to Chicago on October 7, 1953. On that date, MILLER contacted CS [redacted] advising her of his return to Chicago but gave no indication as to whether or not he carried a written message for the subject from WEINER nor did he indicate that he had been successful in delivering the message of the informant to WEINER. According to informant, his message to WEINER complained about his continued isolation and indicated to WEINER that since WEINER's illness he has seen no one who was in a position to tell him of WEINER's exact physical condition. b7D

The informant by implication was telling WEINER that he considers his present courier connections to be unsatisfactory and that despite a recent contact by a National Office representative, the informant continued to be too isolated to be aware of the everyday happenings of the Party.

It should be pointed out in explanation, however, that MILLER is presently engaged in a romance with his secretary and despite his long Party background, this affair for the time being appears to take precedence over Party business to which MILLER is assigned, however, MILLER is expected to contact the informant within the next week since he has been advised by the informant's wife that the car which he, MILLER, obtained for informant is bad and MILLER has relayed information to the informant that the informant was not to have it repaired but to allow him, MILLER, to see what he can do to get informant another car. It is believed MILLER took up this problem with WEINER during the trip to New York and will see the informant about it in the next few days.

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On October 8, 1953 the informant spent about three hours interpreting the report of ANDREW STEVENS on the recently held National Communist Party conference which report was published by the New Century Publishers in September, 1953, and is entitled, "New Opportunities in the Fight for Peace and Democracy". In that connection the informant on a basis of his knowledge of the writing styles of Communist writers and the content of the articles appearing therein expressed the opinion that GIL GREEN, HENRY WINSTON, and MAX WEISS have leading roles in the formation of the policy expressed therein as well as the actual writing of the document. He described it as an elaboration of the problems dealing with every phase of the present Party program which were not covered in the final draft of the National elections resolution of the Party. He attached particular significance to the chapter on Party organization in that this chapter according to informant, lays the basis for the establishment of a complete underground Communist Party and points out the necessity of adopting measures to protect the security of the Party organization and its leadership. The informant's complete analysis is in dictation for submission to the Bureau and New York and it is believed this interpretation will be useful to the Bureau in counter-acting the latest Party moves outlined in this document which according to the informant, sets the basis for colonization under the "Four to Five Year Plan" which PHIL BART described to informant in September, 1953 and which is outlined in previous communications of this office to the Bureau.

On the same date, an additional session of three hours was held with the informant to further discuss the Espionage-R case entitled, "Mask".

On October 12, 1953, the informant furnished the October, 1953 issue of "The Party Forum" issued by District 8 Communist Party, which was devoted entirely to the CP concentration program in mass industry plants and to the issuance of shop papers. Figures in the circulation of 8 shop papers in the Chicago area were given as well as some information on other Marxist and mass publications of the Party in this area.

The informant interpreted the articles appearing in the Forum pertaining to the issuance of shop papers and the Bureau was furnished with the informant's interpretations by Chicago airtel on October 13, 1953, under the caption CP-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY - Daylet.

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On the same date, the informant advised that he had arranged to see PHIL ROSSOFF, CP District official organizer and PETER ALLEN LEVINE who formerly operated the Custom Printing Company for the CP on October 18, 1953. The informant later advised that this meeting has been postponed because LEVINE felt that he had other commitments for that date.

On October 12, 1953, CS [ ] again spoke by telephone with HARRY MILLER who told her that he had learned while in New York that WILLIAM WEINER was still a very sick man. He told her he would get in touch with the informant "one of these days" and indicated that he attempted to make arrangements to again see the informant on a more or less regular basis in the future.

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On the same date, informant spent the entire day writing a thesis analyzing the report on the National Conference of the Party previously referred to for LENA and MARCEL SCHERER. This the informant pointed out was necessary because in order for him to get information from the SCHERERS he must present questions to them that call for replies reflecting not only their views but also the reactions of the New York District and National Party members with whom they are in contact.

On October 13, 1953, informant talked by telephone with NY 694-S to instruct the New York informant that when he had his scheduled meeting with LEM HARRIS, the legman for WILLIAM WEINER on October 14, 1953, preparatory to a meeting by the New York informant with BETTY GANNETT, he should tell HARRIS to relay his message to WEINER to the effect he had seen the National Conference report and thought that it was "pretty good."

He also instructed NY 694-S to indicate to HARRIS that CG 5824-S had not heard anything about WEINER's condition and was complaining to WEINER that his courier service with MILLER is unsatisfactory and further the informant continues to be more or less isolated despite his recent contact with National Office representative.

On October 14, 1953, informant saw CHARLES MITCHELL CP Trade Union leader in the Chicago area, who was assigned to underground work but who has not left his residence to date, for several hours. Most of the time was spent discussing the CP Trade Union Program as outlined in the National Conference report as it could be applied to the UE-FE union in the Chicago district. Additionally, the informant learned that FRANK MUCCI, missing District 8 CP functionary, is again at the Mayo Clinic,

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and that he is too ill to function in Party work. Later information has been verified through independent investigation.

On October 16, 1953, investigation was conducted to follow out the leads furnished by informant on HIGGINS EISENSCHER, missing Milwaukee Smith Act subject, who on September 15, 1953, drove the informant to his meeting place with PHIL BART, Midwest Co-ordinator of CP underground. It will be recalled that informant obtained the license number of the car being driven by EISENSCHER and it was determined through investigation that this car was rented from a rental Drive-It-Yourself agency. It will also be recalled that the Bureau has recently identified EISENSCHER as the author of a letter to CARL ROSE, was. CARL ROSE which was found in his possession at the time of apprehension of ROSE with ROBERT GEORGE THOMPSON, convicted Smith Act subject on the West Coast.

This letter indicates that EISENSCHER may be located in the Chicago area and may be doing important organizational apparatus work in this area. Investigation conducted from leads furnished informant has identified [redacted] a northside CP member as the renter of the car driven by EISENSCHER and the leads suggested from this information may assist in locating EISENSCHER.

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#### Evaluation and Future Plans

The results of the past two weeks have not been as encouraging as were hoped for although the informant had previously pointed out that he believed a second contact with the National office leadership underground would be necessary before it would be possible for him to determine what tasks he will be responsible for.

On September 16, 1953, BART told informant that "he or someone else" would see the informant in about a month which would mean that the informant should be seen within the next week or so. It is hoped that this meeting will occur as scheduled because the informant is very impatient and feels that should he see the underground contact he will now be in a position to protest to this person that he is not being kept current on the everyday happenings in the Party.

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At the same time, the informant in speaking about the possibility of a contact in the near future stated that he would not venture to predict when it would occur because the Party does not operate on a time schedule and the Cleveland arrests may again cause a postponement because certain organization problems must be settled and BART may have to shift his attention to the Cleveland situation.

The informant also pointed out that PHIL BART, in September, 1953, told him that arrests in Chicago were expected to occur any time. If such is the opinion of the Party, according to informant, it is entirely possible that persons of the caliber of BART may be instructed to stay clear of Chicago because the Party leadership is "not dumb" on these matters.

Informant on October 14, 1953, advised that NY 694-S stated he would make a short trip to see the informant on October 29, 1953, to discuss and correlate their reactivation efforts and progress to date. One of the matters under discussion is the advisability of CG 5824-S making a trip to New York using as a cover the fact that he has been called to New York for business reasons by the firm of NY 694-S. The real purpose, however, will be for the informant to see WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman and to see BETTY GANNETT, National Organization Secretary, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Local District 2 official and others. The meeting with FOSTER and GANNETT will be designed to discuss and seek agreement on definite tasks that the informant would be assigned to in connection with his contribution to the Party.

The informant believes such a trip might be advisable. In that connection, he learned on October 15, 1953, that NY 694-S would see WILLIAM WEINER within the next few days. The Chicago informant has instructed NY 694-S to indicate to WEINER that he, CG 5824-S, may have to come to New York, because he is not being kept informed of WEINER's condition and the New York informant may tell CG 5824-S to come to New York for business reasons in order to pacify him.

The informant's general attitude continues to be good although he is disturbed because he feels his progress is affected by such things as the Cleveland arrests which he contends seriously impairs his contacts as the Party becomes more and more unwilling to jeopardize its leadership in the

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Chicago area, which is the next expected area of arrest.

Informant's position is not that these arrests should not occur but rather that if the Bureau is to really hurt the operations of the Party it must locate and arrest the real leadership of the Party which according to information obtained from prominent Communists in Chicago was not the case of the people who were arrested at the recent Cleveland pickups. Informant advised that BART and other leaders have stated that as a result of these so-called "package deals" of arresting more or less minor Party officials who are available at a given date together with possibly one or two key leaders in the area, the Party immediately analyzes the situation and regroupes its forces placing the real leadership further underground thus making it more difficult for individuals such as the informant to make contact with the real leadership.

Informant stated this type of arrest serves to harass the Party but the Bureau is in fact dealing no real damaging blows to the Party since the real leadership is still retained and the Party continues to function with the only effect being that its leadership following each arrest is put just a little bit deeper underground.

The informant said that he was raising these points constructively because he believes that the Bureau is primarily interested in locating the real leadership of the Party underground rather than minor Party officials who do not have the power to keep an organization together. After learning the Party reactions to the so-called Bureau "Package arrests" from PHIL BART, the informant stated that he desired to call the attention of the Bureau to the fact that the Party wants to bring up more leadership into the open if it feels it can. The informant said that he feels certain that if Bureau strategy was such as would give the Party an indication that some leadership might come "up for air" then individuals such as informant, and others like him, would be more frequently contacted and the information obtained might make possible the arrest of real leadership of the quality of the people involved in the 1948 and 1950 New York arrests.

It is expected that the informant will have contact with PHIL BART or someone else from the National Office within the next few weeks. In connection with this meeting, it is hoped that the informant will be placed in closer contact with real Party leadership and will obtain additional briefing on current Party policies and methods.

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The informant's activities are being carefully handled and every possible effort for the use of his service is being explored on a continuing basis. Every effort is being taken to place the informant in a position where he will be of greatest service to the Bureau.

Discussions will continue on whether or not it will be advisable for the informant to re-visit New York and after consultation with NY 694-S, the Bureau will be advised of the decision reached.

It is believed that the contact of NY 694-S with WILLIAM WEINER scheduled for within the next few days will do much to strengthen both of these informant's positions with the National office.

Bureau and New York will be kept advised on all developments.

One copy of this letter is being directed to New York for information purposes.

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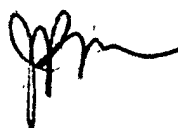
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REGISTERED MAIL

CG 5824-S. REBULET 10-14 LAST TO NEW YORK ENTITLED "NY 694-S"  
AUTHORIZING NY 694-S TO PROCEED TO CHICAGO FOR CONTACT WITH CG 5824-S  
ON 10-23 INSTANT. CG 5824-S HAS HAD TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH NY 694-S  
DURING PAST WEEK AND WAS ADVISED THAT NY 694-S COULD NOT MAKE TRIP TO  
CHICAGO UNTIL 10-29 NEXT AND EVEN THEN IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT DUE TO  
PERSONAL BUSINESS. NY 694-S, IN LETTER RECEIVED BY INFORMANT 10-23  
INSTANT, STATED THAT IF INFORMANT HAD GOOD EXCUSE TO COME TO NEW YORK  
HE SHOULD COME IN RATHER THAN HAVE NY 694-S COME TO CHICAGO. CG 5824-S  
WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT NY 694-S, WITHIN PAST TWO WEEKS, HAS INDICATED TO  
COMMUNIST CONTACTS, NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED, THAT HE INTENDED TO CALL  
CG 5824-S IN TO NEW YORK ON BUSINESS FOR FIRM OF NY 694-S AND MAY DO  
SO EARLIER THAN HE EXPECTED IN ORDER TO PACIFY INFORMANT WHO HAS NOT  
BEEN KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED OF PHYSICAL CONDITION OF WILLIAM WEINER.  
LETTER RECEIVED 10-23 INSTANT BY INFORMANT ALSO ENCLOSED A NOTE FROM  
WILLIAM WEINER, WHICH WAS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY, AND INDICATED THAT WEINER  
IS A SICK MAN. CG 5824-S HAS ALSO BEEN ADVISED BY HIS SON THAT SON WOULD  
BE IN NEW YORK WITH HIS SCHOOL BAND FOR A FOOTBALL GAME ON WEEKEND OF  
OCT: SJC

cc-New York (134-91) (NY 694-S) (REG)  
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10-29 NEXT. CG 5824-S STATED THAT HE BELIEVES TRIP TO NEW YORK BY HIM WOULD BE MORE <sup>PROFITABLE</sup> ~~PROFITABLE~~ TO BUREAU THAN TRIP TO CHICAGO OF NY 694-S. HE FEELS THAT CONTACT WITH BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM WEINER, AND POSSIBLY WILLIAM Z. FOSTER WOULD ACCELERATE COMPLETE REACTIVATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS IN ADDITION TO OBTAINING OF VALUABLE NATIONAL CP INFO. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE, ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, BECAUSE HE BELIEVES PHIL BART HAS MADE HIS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO NATIONAL OFFICE AND INFORMANT BELIEVES HIS PRESENCE TO PERSONALLY TALK WITH LEADERSHIP ON ANY QUESTIONS THAT BART MAY HAVE RAISED ON EITHER INFORMANT OR NY 694-S WILL AID IN SATISFYING LEADERSHIP ON BOTH INFORMANTS. LETTER FROM NY 694-S, ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, IS NOT CLEAR AS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH NY 694-S HAS LAID BUSINESS COVER FOR POSSIBLE TRIP OF CG 5824-S AND DOES NOT CONTAIN OPINION OF NY 694-S AS TO WHETHER HE BELIEVES BUSINESS COVER WHICH HAS BEEN LAID TO DATE IS ADEQUATE OR CAN BE MADE ADEQUATE BEFORE 10-29 NEXT. THIS DATE WAS CHOSEN IN ORDER TO ALLOW CG 5824-S TO COMBINE A BUSINESS COVER WITH HIS PERSONAL FAMILY COVER TO EXPLAIN TRIP. CG 5824-S THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT NY 694-S, IF POSSIBLE, CONTACT LEM HARRIS OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO WEINER TO DETERMINE WHETHER WEINER COULD SEE INFORMANT ABOUT 10-30 NEXT. HE MIGHT EXPLAIN TO CONTACT THAT CG 5824-S RECEIVED NOTE OF WEINER AND IS MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND

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FURTHER, THAT HE, NY 694-S, IS THINKING OF ADVANCING DATE ON WHICH HE INTENDS TO CALL CG 5824-S TO NEW YORK FOR BUSINESS REASONS TO PACIFY INFORMANT WHO IS RESTLESS AND ALSO AT THE SAME TIME TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO SEE HIS SON. IT IS BELIEVED THAT INFORMANT'S TRIP TO NEW YORK WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL TO BUREAU'S INTERESTS THAN A TRIP OF NY 694-S TO CHICAGO. BUREAU AUTHORITY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED FOR AUTHORIZATION OF TRIP BY CG 5824-S TO NEW YORK ON WEEKEND OF 10-29 NEXT FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS PROVIDED THAT NY 694-S AND CG 5824-S ARE SATISFIED THAT ADEQUATE COVERS HAVE BEEN OR CAN BE LAID IN TIME. THIS CHANGE OF PLANS AND DATES ARE SUGGESTED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY NY 694-S IS HAVING IN GETTING TO CHICAGO AND ALSO BECAUSE THE INFORMANT'S SON'S PRESENCE IN NEW YORK ON THAT WEEKEND WILL GIVE ADDED COVER. AUTHORITY REQUESTED OF BUREAU TO AUTHORIZE TRIP AND TO ADVANCE INFORMANT NECESSARY EXPENSES IN AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS INCLUDING PLANE FARE TO COVER APPROXIMATE TEN DAY TRIP. INFORMANT'S TOTAL EXPENSES DURING LAST TRIP OF APPROXIMATE SAME DURATION WERE \$323.56. BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUTEL AUTHORIZATION. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY CONTACT NY 694-S RE COVER AND TO SUTEL INFORMANT'S OPINION.

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TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 10-23-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

The following items have been handled to further complete this file:

1. The name and aliases appearing on Serial # 169 have been indexed.
2. Credit and criminal record checks were made in Chicago by SA [ ] on 10-22-53 negatively
3. A photo taken in 1947 was placed in the 1A section of the subject file.
4. Contacts with informant-Regular and in Emergencies

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SA John Keating and the writer are to make all contacts with this informant.

Arrangements were made with informant on 10-22-53 to reach him in emergency and for him to reach this office in the following situations.

1. If it is necessary to reach the informant on weekends or at night and the regular contact agents cannot be reached, the following procedure has been agreed to; 1. Informant should not be contacted personally by anyone or by phone during the regular work week.

On weekends and at night and only in emergency situations, the agent or supervisor should call informant at his residence, Vincennes 6-2985 and ask for Mr. Childs. He should say that he is "Steve" the antique dealer from NY and would like to show informant some articles. Informant will say that he is busy at the moment and will ask if "Steve" is staying at his regular hotel and will say that he will get in touch with him there. Informant will then go outside and call the office. Arrangements must be made at the switchboard for the agent to receive the call.

2. During the regular work week the following instructions should be followed: He should be contacted indirectly through his wife at Schwartz Krueger Wabash 2 5213. The agent should ask the switchboard operator for Miss Scholssberg and should identify himself as above telling her that he would like to show some things to her husband and for her to have her husband contact him at his regular hotel. (the office number need not be given.) She will contact CG 5824-S who will contact the office. Arrangements must again be made at the switchboard.

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3. Arrangements have also been made to cover the situation where informant while meeting an agent must be reached by hi [redacted] Cs [redacted] in cases where Party People contact her looking for informant. It has been agreed in these cases that the contact agent will always indicate on his # 3 card the hotel where the contact is being made. The informants wife will contact Supv. Mc Mahon identifying herself as "Dot" Olson and will give him the necessary info creating the emergency situation.

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The contact agent has three regular meeting places with informant and ways and means to contact the agents at these places are as follows;

a. Conrad Hilton

Agent uses the name of WILLIAM H. HOWES, Franklin Life, Springfield in registering. and can be reached by calling the hotel.

b/ BALMER HOUSE

The agent uses the same name and employment and can be reached in the same manner.

c. CHATHAM HOTEL 79 th~~x~~ and Cottage Radcliffe 3 7150

The agent registers as FRANK BERRY of K and F Sales, Springfield. There are no room phones at the hotel so in emergency it will be necessary to either have the desk clerk call the agent to the hotel lobby phone or to have an agent go to the hotel and inquire for the agent.

The informant continues to be extremely reluctant to sign his name to even a receipt. It is therefore not felt advisable to ask him for a statement of cooperation at this time.

An indices search slip has been requested and a separate memo will be made to cover any new info not already in the subject file.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-23-53

FROM : SA C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: 095824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-22 Personal at Chatham

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - Sue Kling  
 134-46 (Plans for Emerg. Contacts - My trip etc)  
 100 - 18209 (CP Pamph v. Pub.)  
 100 - 19431 CP Strategy in Industry

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ☒Positive: ☒~~100-9311~~

100-27895

100-4681 (Re. TELS ER)

100-92 Ben Gold

100-28154 (Morris Scher)

100-27670 (Lena Scher)

100-8888 Marcel Scher

100 - Sue Kling

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100-19431

## PERSONAL DATA:

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TO : SAC (134-46)

FROM : SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: October 26, 1953

At 2:42 p.m., October 26, 1953, Supervisor TOM MC ANDREWS of the New York Office telephonically contacted the writer and advised that NY 694-S was expecting CG 5824-S to visit him in New York in the near future, and desired to know if and when CG 5824-S was coming to New York.

MC ANDREWS was advised that on Friday, October 23, 1953 the Chicago Office had sent an airtel to the Bureau and the New York Office recommending that CG 5824-S proceed to New York on or about October 29, 1953 rather than having NY 694-S visit Chicago. He was also advised that Chicago requested New York to sutel whether or not NY 694-S had laid sufficient business cover among other CP members to warrant CG 5824-S visiting New York without arousing suspicions. He was advised that our airtel recommended that the Bureau authorize CG 5824-S' expenses if the New York Office thought sufficient coverage had been laid.

MC ANDREWS advised that he had not seen our airtel as yet but would locate it and that the New York Office would prepare an immediate teletype reply to the Bureau and Chicago.

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FROM : SA C. H. Fryman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

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DATES OF CONTACT: 10-23-53

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

134-46. Re. My Trip - Note from 744 694-S  
100- William Weiner (Note Recd from WW dated 10-18-53)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓

124 - William Weiner

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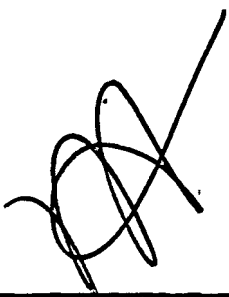
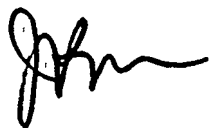
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DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT  
SAC, NEW YORK

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL OCT. TWENTY THREE LAST.  
NO REPLY RECEIVED FROM NY AS YET, HOWEVER, INFORMANT ADVISES HE CONTACTED  
NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S OCT. TWENTY SEVEN LAST AT WHICH TIME NY SIX NINE  
FOUR DASH S ADVISED ADEQUATE COVER HAD BEEN LAID FOR INFORMANT'S TRIP TO  
NY OCT. TWENTY NINE NEXT. CG WILL ADVANCE INFORMANT THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
FOR CONTEMPLATED TRIP UACB BY TWO P.M. <sup>CST</sup> THIS DATE.

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TEN TWENTY THREE FIFTY THREE AND RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TEN TWENTY EIGHT FIFTY THREE. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISES THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S-S ASSOCIATION WITH NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S-S NY COMPANY, AS THE CP UNDERSTANDS SAID ASSOCIATION, AND THE VISIT TO NY OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S-S SON PROVIDES SUFFICIENT COVER FOR CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S-S VISIT TO NY. INFORMANT HAS BEEN UNABLE AS YET TO CONTACT ANYONE BY WHOM WIENER COULD BE ADVISED THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S DESIRES TO SEE WIENER ABOUT TEN THIRTY NEXT. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S, HOWEVER, DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTY IN CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S-S CONTACTING WIENER WHILE IN NY.

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DECODED MESSAGE

RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR -S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL OCTOBER TWENTY-THREE, LAST. PROVIDED NEW YORK INFORMANT NY SIX NINE FOUR - S IS ABLE TO FURNISH AN ADEQUATE COVER FOR PROPOSED TRIP BY CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, AUTHORITY GRANTED TO PAY EXPENSES CHICAGO INFORMANT FOR EXTIMATED TEN-DAY TRIP, FOR WHICH ADVANCE OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS, INCLUDING PLANE FARE, MAY BE MADE. BOTH OFFICES KEEP BUREAU ADVISED THIS SITUATION.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-28-53

FROM : SA P. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-28-53 Personal at Palm House

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

134-46.  
 100- Lena Schur  
 100- Moral. Issues  
 100- Harry Heywood  
 100- CP- Wm. Zuck.  
 100- CP-USA Underground  
 100- Communist ALP  
 100-5622 (Betty Gannett)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Info received in Ltr from Marcel & Lena Schur, Re Wm  
 Lawrence, Harry Heywood, Communist ALP - (Lena School  
 Attendance of Betty Gannett,

5824 - Deputy flight 638 <sup>10-30-53</sup> Friday 8am - Arr. 1145 N.Y. La  
 United - Goshwin

Return also bought,

We may talk to 694-S Re. Trip,

For. Transportation to July 1953  
 & A 134-46

PERSONAL DATA:

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TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 10-29-53

FROM : CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On 10-28-53 the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$ 300.00 as an advance for expected expenses to be incurred during his 10- day trip to New York beginning on 10-30-53. Authority given in Butel 10-28-53 -- payment made at Palmer house and receipt obtained.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-29-53

FROM : SA J. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-29-53

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Cg 5824-S Relayed the following information from CS- [redacted] Received on 10/28/53 from William Bennett. b7D

- ① Bennett wants Cg 5824-S while in NY to ask Betty Bennett if the formerly held Regular Conferences (6 weeks) of persons in this capacity are being resumed following discontinuance of Cleveland arrests.
- ② A District #8 bulletin in the Electronics is in the press. b7D

## PERSONAL DATA:

- ③ W.S. asked [redacted] to begin paying dues and to leave them in an envelope at Modern Book Store. She indicated she would do so as soon as she got some money. 5824- for not covered by but is making progress.
- 1 CC - [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CODE UNDERLINED WORDS

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

SAC, NEW YORK

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REBUTEL OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT  
FIFTYTHREE SAME CAPTION. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S  
DEPARTING CHICAGO, VIA UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT SIX THREE  
EIGHT, EIGHT AM CST OCTOBER THIRTY INSTANT TO ARRIVE AT  
LA GUARDIA AIR FIELD ELEVEN FORTYFIVE AM SAME DATE.

INFORMANT WILL STAY AT HOTEL MARTINIQUE OR SOME NEARBY HOTEL  
FOR DAY OR TWO IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH COVER AND THEREAFTER WILL  
RESIDE AT RESIDENCE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AND WILL <sup>BE</sup> ~~REPORT~~

IN CONTACT WITH AGENT HANDLING NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S.

INFORMANT INTENDS TO MEET WITH BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM WEINER,  
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, MARCEL AND LENA SCHERER, LEON AND BARNEY  
JOSEPHSON AND OTHERS. IN ORDER TO GIVE INFORMANT WIDEST

POSSIBLE LATITUDE FOR CONTACT WORK, NY REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN  
CLOSE LIAISON WITH INFORMANT THROUGH NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S  
AND SHOULD FISURS BE ON ANY OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, NY REQUESTED  
TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO DISCONTINUANCE OF FISURS DURING  
PERIOD OF INFORMANT'S VISIT. NY ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH  
S OF INFORMANT'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL TIME.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]* Special Agent in Charge

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October 23, 1953

Director, FBI (65-62041)

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Reurlet dated October 14, 1953, which states that your office will continue to advise the Bureau and Chicago of information furnished by NY 694-S in this case. Reflet indicates that your office will disseminate information obtained from NY 694-S to the appropriate New York case files. You request that the Bureau disseminate information of interest to those offices concerned other than the Chicago Office.

The Bureau does not agree with this suggestion. The responsibility for the proper dissemination to other offices, of information furnished by NY 694-S, rests with your office. The Chicago Office is likewise responsible for the proper dissemination to other offices of information furnished by CO 5024-S.

You also suggest in reflet that in order to protect the identities of NY 694-S and CO 5024-S from outside agencies, no information furnished by them be incorporated into reports in individual case files since these reports might hereafter be disseminated to agencies outside of the Bureau. You state that paraphrasing the information obtained from these informants will not adequately protect their identities. You suggest that such information relating to individual case files be reported to the Bureau by letter.

The Bureau does not agree with this suggestion. It is believed that where necessary to report information furnished by NY 694-S and CO 5024-S in individual cases, careful paraphrasing of the information in the report will adequately protect the identities of these informants. In those instances where it is not possible to do this due to the nature of the information involved, you may furnish such information to the Bureau in a cover letter in the individual case and point out the reason why you believe such information should not be incorporated into the report.

cc 3 - Chicago (65-3888)

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The Bureau also desires to point out that instant case is not a "catchall" file for all information furnished by NY 694-S. The Dash case is a control file set up to contain information furnished by NY 694-S relating to Canadian-United States Communist Party matters. Other information furnished by NY 694-S which does not fit into this category should be submitted under the appropriate case file caption.



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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 11-5-53

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PS-C95824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 11-4-53 Personal

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

[redacted]  
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## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: [redacted]

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2 1/2 hour conference with PS- [redacted] Reactivation  
to NY Trip of C9-5824-S and Source. Reactivation  
5824-S spec. 11-1-53 at Wm. Weiner Residence to arrange  
for contacts with Gannett and W. J. Foster and others - Everything  
OK.

Re. Reactivation - Source is having difficult time to bring self around  
to joining CP because she hates it and there is it. She realizes  
at same time that it ~~will~~ be necessary. Suggested that Sennett  
be stalled re payment of fees until 5824-S returns from  
NY and we have a chance to talk the matter  
over further. Excuse to Sennett - No money.

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TO : SAC, [redacted]

DATE: 11-5-53

FROM : SA [redacted] Freyman

SUBJECT: CS [redacted]

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 11-5-53

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

[redacted]  
100-2398  
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PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

① Grace Source Oct. 16-31-5824 money  
 ② Source had phone call from 5824 on 11-5-  
 Saw W. Z. Foster on 11-4- long friendly visit  
 apt with Betty Gannett on 11-6 w/ less Polking  
 arrest interfere  
 Lena + Marcel Schen going to Washington this  
 weekend to celebrate Russian Revolution.  
 Things going well - don't believe he can make contacts  
 lined up and return before first of  
 week

PERSONAL DATA:

[redacted]

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Info will be disseminated  
when full details Marcel,

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November 6, 1953

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*Jpm/k*  
Re Chicago letter dated October 22, 1953,  
summarizing the informant's activities through  
October 14, 1953.

The following summary covers the period  
October 14 to 29, 1953.

The informant continues to be in close touch  
by mail with MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent New  
York Communists, and furnishes valuable information  
obtained from these sources. A nine-page letter  
received by the informant on October 15, 1953, from  
LENA SCHERER discussed the confusion in the Communist  
Party concerning whether or not the Party would  
support the American Labor Party candidates during the  
present municipal elections campaign in that city.  
SCHERER spoke about attending a meeting of the "big  
chiefs" of the New York District of the Party where  
she was told by the District leaders to vote ALP but  
to tell the shop workers to vote for WAGNER, who is  
the Democratic candidate for Mayor of the City of New  
York.

SCHERER stated that she had recently seen  
HARRY HAYWOOD, a member of the National Negro Commission  
of the CP, who discussed with her WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S  
new book on the "American Negro". She stated that  
FOSTER'S book, according to HAYWOOD, is nothing more  
than a compilation of existing material and that FOSTER  
had completely ignored the facts and figures as reflected  
in the 1950 United States Census reports on population in  
the South, which indicates that the area which the CP  
has designated as "the black belt" now has only two  
counties in it with Negro majorities. HAYWOOD further  
told SCHERER that FOSTER had completely ignored the  
trends of the Negro population to the North and that  
the small white land owners and sharecroppers had  
virtually disappeared as a class in the South. She

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CC: 1 - NEW YORK [ ] (NY-694-S) (REGISTERED)

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stated that according to HAYWOOD he feels that the present slogan of the CP calling for the "right of self-determination in the black belt" should not be put forward by the Party until it is a subject of further study. (Informant advised that this theoretical Party doctrine is dogma instituted by STALIN and can never be changed by the American Party). SCHERER stated, in addition, that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's next book is entitled, "History of the Third International", which she indicated in her opinion FOSTER is not qualified to write about.

She added that the National CP Negro Commission Bulletin is now in the press and that BETTY GANNETT and PETTIS PERRY appear to have taken over the Negro Commission, according to HARRY HAYWOOD. HAYWOOD told SCHERER that he believes he has been "nicely shoved out". SCHERER added that her brother-in-law, HOWARD BOLDT, is again working at the "Daily Worker" but is unhappy and will only work at the "Daily Worker" on a temporary basis until he finds another job.

On October 18, 1953, CG-5824-S and CS [redacted] had the girlfriend of HARRY MILLER, presently assigned to a confidential assignment in finances by the National Office of the CP, spend the day at the informant's residence. No information of value was obtained and the informant merely used the friendship of MILLER's girlfriend to further cement his relations with HARRY MILLER.

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On October 19, 1953, HARRY MILLER, described above, telephonically contacted CS [redacted] of the informant, advising her that he wanted to sell the old car which he had recently obtained for the informant and his wife because it had been mechanically unsatisfactory and was badly deteriorated. He said that he was making the rounds of dealers and that he wanted to locate a new car for the informant. He was told by the source that they were not interested in a new car for financial reasons, but MILLER continued to insist that he wanted to get them a new car. He told the source that he would inquire and would contact her again on October 20, 1953.

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Doctor SOLOMON PEARLMAN, CP doctor in the Chicago area, contacted the informant on October 19, 1953, in connection with his more or less regular professional visits to the informant's residence. During the conversation, PEARLMAN spoke of the reactions of several of his doctor and professional friends to the Bureau's interviews. He also told the informant that LEON KATZEN, underground CP District No. 8 Financial Secretary, is now completely underground. He made the comment that the only reason why there have not been arrests of the CP District No. 8 leadership is that the FBI is unable to locate CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

On the same date, CS [ ] in connection with her bi-weekly contacts at the Modern Book Store, CP outlet for literature in the Chicago area, advised this office that she had not seen WILLIAM SENNETT, open District No. 8 leader of the CP who has offices at the Modern Book Store, in his office since the arrest of a person occupying this same position in the Cleveland area. The source obtained for the informant a copy of "Steel Labor's Road" which WILLIAM SENNETT had saved for the informant and which publication was issued by the CP, USA, in September, 1953; it is a 96-page document. This document was furnished by the informant to this office together with the informant's comments on October 22, 1953, and, in that connection, the informant pointed out that the document was of great importance in that it sets forth a program for the CP applicable to the Steel Industry and all other basic industries of a type which indicates that the leadership of the CP today is of the same quality as that of the leadership of the CP during the period when the CP was at its height in power, that is during the BROWDER period. The informant made his comments on the basis of the construction of the document, its theoretical approaches, and its "propaganda value." The informant's comments on this document are being prepared and will be submitted for the information of the Bureau and New York.

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On October 21, 1953, the informant spoke by phone with NY-694-S who had seen BETTY GANNETT on the previous Saturday and learned that she was extremely friendly toward the New York informant and received him in complete confidence.

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NY-694-S advised the informant that GANNETT told him to pick up a note for CG-5824-S from WILLIAM WEINER from a female whom the New York informant did not further identify over the phone. NY-694-S also advised the informant that in talking to BETTY GANNETT he had laid the basis for a probable visit to New York by CG-5824-S.

On October 22, 1953, the informant and his wife paid their respects to SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, CP underground National functionary, on the occasion of the death of SUE KLING's father. The informant was told by KLING that no other CP people had paid their respects, including LIL GREEN, wife of GIL GREEN, Smith Act fugitive, and that LIL GREEN had told her that she "hadn't thought about going to the funeral". KLING remarked, "where is the human understanding in us?" The informant told KLING that he had recently seen PHIL BART and KLING replied, "He used to work with JACK". She then pulled out some photographs and asked the informant if he would be interested in seeing, "What the guy (KLING) looks like now"? The photograph showed KLING, his wife, and family apparently vacationing at a summer resort. The informant had previously learned from SUE KLING that she and her children had seen her husband about two months ago. KLING discussed her writing with the informant which is on "proletarian" subjects and which, according to the informant, she is having difficulty in publishing. Informant told her that he would attempt to speak to WILLIAM WEINER concerning the publishing of some of her works on the occasion of his next visit to New York. He also advised her to get away from "proletarian" subjects and just write. She was most appreciative of his advice, having furnished him previously with manuscripts on her latest novel. KLING was invited to spend a weekend at the informant's house in the near future.

On October 21, 1953, HARRY MILLER, described above, again was in touch with CS [redacted] and told her to visit certain dealers of Chevrolet automobiles, naming them, to determine what she could do in the way of obtaining prices on a new car but told her that she should not make any deals until he had O.K.'d the deal. She again repeated that neither

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she nor her husband should enter into such transactions since they could not afford them. However, MILLER insisted that she follow his instructions. The source the following day contacted three dealers in an effort to determine what she could do in the way of obtaining a price on a new Chevrolet car and subsequently advised MILLER, who told her he would handle the matter from that point.

On the same date, the informant was personally contacted and discussed in detail an article appearing in Political Affairs of October, 1953, entitled, "For a New Approach to Our Concentration Tasks", and suggested the possibility of success of an informant program which would center on contacts with people who were in contact in the shops with known Communists, and the informant stated that if such a program was adopted, it was his opinion that the Bureau would have success in obtaining recruits in the CP.

The informant next discussed the important pamphlet "Steel Labor's Road", previously described in detail, describing it as a most important document and as a handbook and guide which will be used as a guide by Communists in the Steel Industry and in other concentration industries as well as by CP trade leaders.

On October 23, 1953, the informant telephonically advised that he had received the note from WILLIAM WEINER, which NY-694-S had forwarded to him by mail. The note, itself, was friendly in content, stating that WEINER is still an extremely sick man. WEINER made the comment that he had learned that the informant had seen PHIL BART and hoped that things would be better for the informant insofar as Party work is concerned from now on.

On October 23, 1953, CS [ ] was contacted by IRWIN STEIN, Business Manager of the "Sentinel", a magazine which, according to the informant, was purchased by the CP in the early 1940's for the purpose of influencing the Jewish community in the Chicago area. STEIN asked the source to have lunch with him to discuss certain fire insurance which he desired to take out with the firm of [ ]. Nothing

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of extreme importance, as related to the CP, was discussed during this luncheon date. However, the source did learn that STEIN had recently taken out membership in a reformed congregation of the Jewish faith.

A letter received on October 24, 1953, from LENA SCHERER, described above, told the informant that WILLIAM LAWRENCE, a District No. 2 CP functionary in New York, is now at times one of the "unavailables" and that she cannot contact him. She also advised the informant that JOE STAROBIN, former "Daily Worker" correspondent in Europe, was scheduled to see SCHERER during the following week.

During the period of October 22, to 29, 1953, the informant was in frequent contact by phone with NY-694-S relative to the proposed trip of NY-694-S to Chicago on or about October 29, 1953, to co-ordinate work of both informants and to discuss future plans. Bureau authority had been obtained for the trip of NY-694-S to Chicago. As a result of these discussions, the informants reached the conclusion that greater advantage for the Bureau would result if CG-5824-S could come to New York if probable covers could be arranged. It was believed that NY-694-S and CG-5824-S, by working together in New York, could do a much better job of seeing people in the National leadership who might, in addition to furnishing information, issue orders for CG-5824-S to be given more important tasks with the National leadership.

Chicago air-tel to the Bureau dated October 23, 1953, advised these observations and authority was granted by the Bureau for the informant to make such a trip provided that the informants could have thorough, adequate covers in Chicago and New York.

NY-694-S had earlier in the month told BETTY GANNETT of his plans to bring CG-5824-S to New York for business reasons sometime in the near future.

NY-694-S on October 29, 1953, also advised CG-5824-S by phone that he had breakfast on that date with LEM HARRIS,



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attached to the finances of the National Office of the CP, who had been told by NY-694-S that CG-5824-S was being called to New York by him on the weekend of October 29, 1953, for business reasons and also because the Chicago informant's son would be in New York. Meanwhile, CG-5824-S had advised that his son was going to New York on the weekend of October 29, 1953, with the University of Miami School Band which was accompanying its football team to New York for a game with Fordham University. It was the opinion of both informants that adequate covers had been laid by combining the personal and business covers and arrangements were made for CG-5824-S to leave Chicago for New York by plane on October 30, 1953.

The informant, meanwhile, on October 28, 1953, instructed CS CG-5853-S to contact WILLIAM SENNETT, CP District No. 8 open leader, to tell him of the possible visit of the informant to New York and to ask him if he, SENNETT, had anything to discuss with the informant prior to the informant's departure for New York. The source was instructed to tell SENNETT that the informant would meet SENNETT at an appointed place on that date if SENNETT desired to discuss anything with the informant. SENNETT told the source that he had a full schedule on that date which he could not change; however, he would try to meet the informant if it was at all possible. He then told the source to tell CG-5824-S to ask BETTY GANNETT when the "regular conferences of leaders of his (SENNETT's) position" would begin to meet again. The informant advised that SENNETT was referring to regular conferences of open leaders of the Party which had, previous to the Cleveland arrest, occurred presumably in New York at intervals of approximately six weeks.

SENNETT then asked the source when she could start paying Party dues again. The source said that she would do so as soon as she had some available money. She was told to leave her dues at the Modern Book Store in an envelope for SENNETT.

SENNETT did not keep the above-described meeting and the informant advised on the same date that he preferred

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to have it that way because it will give him added grounds to complain to WEINER and GANNETT about his continued "isolation". The informant departed for New York on October 30, 1953, for an expected ten-day trip. He will spend the first few days laying his cover for the trip and then expects to see WILLIAM WEINER, BETTY GANNETT, MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, BARNEY and LEON JOSEPHSON, and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, if FOSTER is available.

The main purpose of the trip is again to solidify the informant with the National Party leadership which the informant feels is necessary before he will receive specific assignments and tasks. PHIL BART has not been in contact with the informant since September 15 to 16, 1953, despite his statement to the informant that he or someone else would see the informant in about a month.

On October 26, 1953, HARRY MILLER contacted CS [redacted] b7D telling her that he was going to dispose of the informant's car which MILLER had originally obtained secondhand for him about a year ago and which has been unsatisfactory. He told the source to bring the car and title downtown with her and that he would handle the entire deal. The source again opposed, as per the instructions of CG-5824-S, claiming that neither she nor the informant wanted a new car and that they could not afford to trade and that under no circumstances would the informant go further into debt. MILLER told the informant, "Look, I might as well tell you--I was told in New York by STANLEY LEVISON, (connected with National CP finances, according to the informant), that I was to replace your car with another one--I will handle the deal and your payments will be no more than now". The source, feeling that this was a Party deal and that she could not further oppose, turned over the title and car to MILLER. On the same date MILLER called the source and told her that he had made a deal, that he had paid off the mortgage on the old car (about \$600, according to the informant), and had used the old car to make a down payment on a new Chevrolet. He told the source to pick up the car and that her payments would be no more than before and that she should forget what he had paid on the old car mortgage. The source signed the papers

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on the same day and learned that the balance owed was between \$1,300 and \$1,400, which means that MILLER had turned over the old car clear of encumbrances as a down payment on the price of a new car. The new car, according to the source, costs approximately \$2,400. It will, therefore, appear that MILLER acted upon the orders of the National Office of the CP, actually paid \$600 of Party money to clear the mortgage on the informant's old car, and this money is the first that the informant has received from the CP since 1949.

#### EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During the past two weeks the actual personal contacts of this informant with Party leadership have been at a minimum. However, the informant has furnished much valuable information and his expert interpretations of the "National Conference Report" and the "Steel Labor's Road", also issued by the National Office of the CP, are believed of extreme value to the Bureau concerning the current CP "united front program" and the future concentration of the Party in basic industries. It is believed that some of the material analyzed by the informant can be used by the Bureau in designing a program that will lead to additional informants coming from basic industries because, according to the informant, Party people in basic industries are now instructed to contact fellow workers and associates, and after feeling them out, to approach them, identifying themselves as Communists and eventually attempting to recruit non-Communist fellow workers.

The informant's contact with SUE KLING and her disclosure to him that she had contact with her husband two months ago is indicative of the trust that the Party places in the informant and it is expected that the informant will continue to develop a much greater friendship with KLING in an effort to obtain information that might lead to the location of JACK KLING.

The conversation of GS [redacted] with WILLIAM SENNETT and the instructions she was given relative to the informant's

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finding out from BETTY GANNETT when National open leaders are to begin conferences again again indicates the trust which Party members place in the informant as well as the potential value of the informant in such matters.

SENNETT'S statements concerning his desire for CS [ ] to begin payments of Party dues, according to the informant, indicates that CS [ ] has been cleared for re-admission into the Party by PHIL BART and the National Office of the CP and this appears to be further evidence that CG-5824-S is slowly making progress in clearing himself, NY-694-S, and CS [ ] with the National leadership. This, in turn, should eventually bring CG-5824-S into activity which will be of benefit to the Bureau on a national basis.

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The car deal arranged by MILLER at the request of the National Office, which required an outlay of \$600 in Party money, appears to be of added significance in that it appears the Party has definite plans for the use of CG-5824-S or it would not authorize such an outlay of money. It is hoped that the informant's contacts in New York during the next 10 days will draw light upon the exact future of the informant and his value to the Bureau. The informant will use the opportunities that confront him to make contact with the National open leadership of the Party and to complain of his "continued isolation", despite the assurances of PHIL BART to the contrary, and it is hoped that positive results will follow.

The informant's mental attitude appears to be good as far as the Bureau is concerned. His health remains about the same, and it is hoped that his physical condition will further improve. However, it is believed that if he remains status quo insofar as health is concerned, he can be of good service to the Bureau.

The matter of the re-entry of CS [ ] into the CP is under constant discussion between the informant and the agent handling him. The informant has advised that he is slowly making progress with the source although she

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feels that she would prefer not to re-enter the CP. The agent has advised the informant that he will be willing to enter the picture to discuss the matter with the source at any time but the informant to date stated he preferred to handle the matter in his own way to allow it to reach its normal conclusion. He stated that at such time as the agent's service will assist in obtaining source's consent to re-enter the CP he will advise. The agent has a close personal acquaintance with the source and it is the agent's opinion that the source will give her consent to reactivate in the CP within the next 30 days.

It will be recalled that this source in the 1930's was for a time the Treasurer of District No. 8 of the CP and was regarded in Party circles as the outstanding fund-raising Party member in this area. She is intelligent and has the ability to act in the same capacity at the present time.

The matter of assignment of this source has been discussed by the agent with CG-5824-S and it is the agreed conclusion of both that efforts should be directed to the attempting to get the Party to have her operate in a detached status. Since she is employed professionally, an effort will be made to attempt to influence the Party leadership in this area to assign a few key contacts to her among business and professional people, possibly for the purpose of obtaining Party funds. If other confidential assignments are requested of her, of course, the source will be instructed to accept these assignments.

It is felt that the District leadership can be steered in these directions by CG-5824-S because the informant can argue that for the Party to take any other action and place his wife in a club would in effect expose the informant who has been instructed not to operate in an open capacity.

This matter is being closely followed and the agent has recently been in contact with the source who advised the agent that she will call the agent on the occasion of the first time when she works overtime at her office during the period the informant is in New York.

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The Bureau and New York will be kept advised of all developments.

One additional copy of this letter is being designated for the Bureau for the file of CG [REDACTED]

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One copy of this letter is being designated for New York for the file of NY-694-S.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11-6-53

FROM : SA *Carl N. Freyman*SUBJECT: *Cg 5824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 11-6-53 -

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓

*SS- [redacted] advised by phone*  
*on 11-6 that Cg ~~5824~~ <sup>5824</sup>-S stated 11-6*  
*that he would leave on 11-7-53 for Chicago.*  
*Herb. March is in trouble*  
*Phil Best is around here. Saw Betty Gannett*  
*today. says as Cg 5824 is concerned was*  
*Good.*  
*Info. to be disseminated when*  
*full details are available*

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CG 5824-S. INFORMANT REPORTS HE HAS HAD HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEWS WITH WILLIAM Z. FOSTER AND WILLIAM WIENER. ANTICIPATES CONTACTING BETTY GANNETT ON FRIDAY, NOV. 6. WILL LEAVE FOR CHICAGO ON SAT., NOV. 7 BY PLANE UNLESS HE IS UNABLE TO CONTACT GANNETT BEFORE THAT DATE.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11/9/53

FROM : SA C. N. Freeman

SUBJECT: 89.5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 11-8-53

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:


100-2398. CP. USA

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

4 1/2. hour. discussion Re. Results  
of NY Trip 10-31 through 11-7-53  
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SAC, New York (100-47863)

~~ANNA CHERNENKY ROLET~~  
SA - C

*CCO initialed*

Rebulet to New York dated October 9, 1953.

On 10/16/53, Mr. [redacted] Assistant Chief, Investigative Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, advised SA ROBERT J. REED that all investigation concerning the subject by the local office of INS will be held in abeyance pending receipt of instructions from the Central Office of INS.

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AC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34981)

CP UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS  
IS - C

Re Chicago letter to Director entitled, "CP, USA, IS-C" dated 10/7/53 and Newark letter to Director entitled, "CP, USA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS, IS - C" dated 10/26/53.

On page 12 of referenced Chicago letter, it was reported that PHILIP BART informed CG 5824-S, "That the party is concentrating on a new town near Trenton, N.J., where a new steel plant is being built to handle steel arriving from South America."

This plant is actually the Fairless Plant of the United States Steel Company located at Fairless Hills, Pa., and is a key facility.

## Confidential Informants: [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] have reported that the CP is placing emphasis on the colonization of the Fairless Plant. The Philadelphia Office currently has three security index subjects employed at this plant. They are [redacted] Bufile 100-215770; [redacted] Bufile 100-380890; [redacted] JR., Bufile 100-46068. However, during the construction of this plant, numerous security subjects were employed on various phases of the work being performed at the Fairless site.

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On July 7, 1952, [redacted] was introduced to [redacted] by RALPH RUBIN (Bufile 100-216104) and on 7/10/52 [redacted] recontacted this informant and explained that the aim of the CP was to place CP members in steel industry and that the party was looking for people who were "militant and willing to make personal sacrifices for the CP."

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ATTN: [redacted]

CC: ① Chicago  
1-Newark (100-4284)100-6289 (CONSPIRACY, UNITED STEEL WORKERS  
OF AMERICA)

100-33505 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

100-16446 [redacted]

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On 6/14/52, [ ] again contacted [ ] and stated that he, [ ] had been given the assignment by the CP to work on the "Industrial Concentration" in the Fairless Plant. [ ] on 10/2/52 urged the informant to seek employment at the Fairless Plant and on 10/29/52 he furnished the informant with literature explaining that the persons receiving this literature were being indoctrinated on the CP plans and principles in connection with the CP Industrial Concentration Program.

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On 12/4/52, [ ] again contacted [ ] urging the informant to apply for employment at the Fairless Steel Plant. [ ] revealed to the informant that he was taking three or four others on that afternoon to make application for employment at the Fairless Steel Plant and requested the informant to accompany him. [ ] was unable to apply for this employment because of personal reasons and had not had any subsequent contacts with [ ] other than on 12/12/52 when [ ] again furnished the informant CP literature.

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On 1/2/53, JOHN PH ROBERTS, Bufile 100-88836, an underground functionary in Philadelphia who lived and associated with [ ] in 1952, stated to [ ] that the CP had recently succeeded in placing the first "comrade" at the Fairless Steel Plant.

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It has been determined that the dates of employment for the previously mentioned security index subjects at the Fairless Plant are [ ] 12/1/52; [ ] 1/6/53; and [ ]

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Also it has been determined that RUDOLPH WEIDMAN, Bufile 100-371183, a security index subject, was employed at the Fairless Plant as of 12/1/52 and resigned without giving any notice on 1/13/53.

A list of individuals employed at the Fairless Plant in the period 12/4/52 to 1/1/53 has been obtained and efforts are being made to determine if any of these individuals are Communists or were employed at the Fairless Plant as a result of [ ] efforts on 12/4/52.

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The Philadelphia Office has excellent relations with the plant security forces at the Fairless Plant and is continuing

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in its efforts to identify all of the Communists employed at this plant. Efforts are being made to obtain the coverage of a live informant at the Fairless Plant and in this connection consideration is being given to the feasibility of having [redacted] obtain employment there.

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In confirmation of the information appearing on page 17 of referenced Chicago letter regarding the Philadelphia arrests as obtained from CG 5824-S, the following is set forth.

[redacted] both of known reliability, have advised that the Smith Act arrests in Philadelphia almost eliminated the CP, EFD, District Committee; demoralized the remaining leadership; frightened the rank and file membership to such an extent that it became almost impossible to secure homes for meeting places, subscriptions to the CP press, or to recruit or register CP members. The CP, according to [redacted] and [redacted], in anticipation of further arrests placed its secondary leadership in command, reorganized its structure, and further tightened its security measures.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11/12/53

FROM : SA E. N. Foley man

SUBJECT: CP 5828-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 11/9/53 by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-125  
 100-Milt Burns  
 100-John STUBBEN  
 100-Wm Sennett.

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓

Informant. Saw Milt Burns 11-8-53  
 Informant on 11/9 spent 4 hours with  
 John STUBBEN - Re. CP + March  
 of Labor

on 11/9 saw Wm Sennett to advise him  
 to attend 11/12/53 Open lead Conf in NY

PERSONAL DATA:

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11-12-53

FROM : SA C.N. Freeman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

11-10-53 - Personal, Chalfant

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-2398 - CP USA

100 - John Statten

100 - CP Dist #8

100 - Wm. Senneville

100 - Chas. Mitchell

100 - Matt Barry

100 - Lena Scheuer

100 - Monel Scheuer

100 - Allison Burroughs

100 - Leon and Bary Johnson

100 - Martin Young

100 - Isadore Begun

100 - Alice Citron

100 - Mae Williamson

100 - Emanuel Bloch

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: 1

Discontinuation of info. re CP Dist #8 & CP USA. Renewal  
by info during period 10-30 through 11-10 through h.  
Contacts with above persons in Chgo & during NY  
trip 10-30 through 11-7-53  
For information to July file & A 134-46

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11-12-53

FROM : SA C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 11/12/53 phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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100-Sue Kling  
100-HARRY MILLER

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Cg 5824-S advised he is having  
CS: [redacted] contact Kling on 11-12 b7D  
No Reg or da & book.  
Mills being contacted by the Source &  
advise him of William Weener's death  
and possibly to arrange meeting with  
informant.

PERSONAL DATA:

1-CC [redacted]

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TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 11-17-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On ~~the above~~ 11-16-53 the writer paid the above the sum of \$400. for services rendered and expenses during the period 11-1-53 thru 11-15-53 per Buro auth. dated 7-28-53 --6 mos. Payment at Hilton and receipt obtained.

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TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 11-16-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CO 5824-S

On 11-8-53 the writer paid the above individual the sum of \$400.))  
for services rendered 10-16-53 thru 10-31-53 in the subjects car.  
Receipt obtained was turned in to SA to ASAC'S steno.

Auth 7-28-53 6 months

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SAC, NEW YORK (1 - 134-CP,USA,TOPLEV)  
(1 - 134-91, NY 694-S)  
(1 - 100-William Weiner)  
(1 - 100-Milton Heller)

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; TOPLEV. IS, C. WILLIAM WEINER, IS, C.  
RE CHICAGO AIRTEL DATED NOVEMBER NINE, LAST. AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR  
APPROACH TO MILTON HELLER WHENEVER FEASIBLE AWAY FROM RESIDENCE AND  
PLACE OF BUSINESS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL COOPERATE WITH THE  
BUREAU. MATTERS SUGGESTED BY CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S SHOULD BE  
GIVEN CAREFUL THOUGHT AND BEFORE MAKING AN APPROACH OBTAIN ADDITIONAL  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION IF NECESSARY RELATIVE TO WEINER AND HELLER  
FROM NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE UNDER TOPLEV  
INSTRUCTIONS ON FRIENDLY BASIS WITH THE ULTIMATE OBJECTION OF OBTAINING  
INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF WEINER. ADVISE BUREAU RESULTS OF  
CONTACT.

2 cc; Chicago (For Info)

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11-16-53

FROM : SA *C. H. J. J. J.*SUBJECT: *695824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: 11-16-53 (*Personal*)

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100-125**100-**100-**100-CP USA Romph & Pub**100-CP - Dist to 2 Romph & Pub.*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ☒Positive: ☒*100-14602**100-18414**100-27882**100-17810**100-19806 - Wm GILBERT**100-18000 Eugene Dennis**Furnished January - Fall 53  
Issue of National Negro  
Quarterly issued by Nat Neg Com**Furnished Oct 53 Issue of  
Party Voice.**100-125**100-**100-**100-2398 (CP Romph & Pub)**100-18209 CP Romph & Pub)*

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11-20-53

FROM : SA C. H. Fryman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

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DATES OF CONTACT: 11-14-20-53 by phone

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-125 CP Dist H-8

100-2398 CP KSA

100-1826 Herb March

100-CP Security Measures

100-9no. STEUBEN

100-Frank Mucci

100-Joe Mucci

100-CP. Pough &amp; Pub

100- [redacted] (SXS)

100-CP Farmer

100-3960- [redacted]

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: on all above.

Personal Contact with 16<sup>th</sup> Sennett Open DO. & CP - 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm. Profiteria 100 Block on E. 63. Results:

- ① Info re Dist CP Organizing Slouch
- ② CP. Open leader Conf NY 11-12-53 - Read Sennett Note
- ③ Discussed Reaction of [redacted]
- ④ Herb March wh. Chas. Case. not settled.
- ⑤ Sennett furnishing 50 license # of Bar. Car.
- ⑥ Frank Mucci at Met Sini (Des Farrell) lunch. dining
- ⑦ Sennett had large quantities of lit in his car.

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- (8) [redacted] organizing Farmers.
- (9) [redacted] Young Party takes Vic of Perma.
- (10) [redacted] we are seeing STEUBEN on 11-21-

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above of a. Information to  
Sub. File A 134-46 when fall  
about 134-46-295

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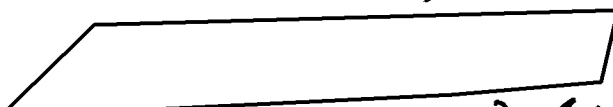

FROM : SA *CH Freyman*SUBJECT: *Cg 5824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

## DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED: *by phone 11-19-**100-3337 (Wagensecht)**100-27132* b6  
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## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cg 5824-S furnished names of* b6  
b7C *and one. Malone,**a negro from Milwaukee as possibly*  
*attending Junior School with*   
*Postal 11-20-53 to Detroit with**cc to A 134-46*  
*also File 100-3337.*

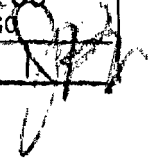
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November 23, 1953

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Reference Chicago letter November 16, 1953 summarizing the informant's reactivation efforts and activities through October 29, 1953. The following covers the period October 30 through November 12, 1953.

CG 5824-S spent the period of October 30 through November 7, 1953 in New York and on his return reported that in his opinion the trip was both successful and timely insofar as his efforts to solidify himself with the national leadership of the Communist Party is concerned.

Detailed letters for the Bureau and interested offices are in dictation concerning the information obtained by this informant and due to the volume of the information obtained, this letter will be limited to outlining the contacts he made and to detailing the more valuable information he obtained.

Informant reported that he had personal contact and discussions with the following key Party people of the National Communist Party Office and District Number 2:

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party

BETTY GANNETT, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party

WILLIAM WEINER, Communist Party National Finance Man

LEM HARRIS, assistant to WEINER

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, District Number 2 Cultural Section organizer

REGISTERED MAIL

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cc: 1 - New York (134-91)(NY 694-S) (REGISTERED MAIL)

*hcl* *Ku* *134-46-298*

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)  
CG 134-46

Re: CG 5824-S

LENA SCHERER, District Number 2 member  
of Cadre Commission

MARCEL SCHERER, prominent New York  
Communist

BARNEY and LEON JOSEPHSON, prominent  
New York Communists

MARTIN YOUNG, former member National  
Committee, Communist Party, presently  
on parole following INS proceedings

MAE WILLIAMSON, wife of JOHN WILLIAMSON,  
Smith Act subject presently in jail

ISADORE and ALICE BEGUN, the former the  
Bronx organizer of Communist Party, and  
New York Smith Act subject, and the  
latter a leader in the National Committee  
to Free the Rosenbergs.

In addition to the above, the informant had a  
lengthy talk with EMANUEL BLOCH, chief attorney in the Rosen-  
berg case.

On arrival in New York the informant initially made  
contact with WILLIAM WEINER and saw him every day with the ex-  
ception of one. The informant pointed out that his trip was  
most timely in that connection, in that he later found out that  
WEINER has cancer and is expected to live only a short time and  
this may have been his last personal contact with an individual  
whose influence has enabled the informant to solidify himself  
in the national leadership of the CP. WEINER was most friendly  
and demanded that the informant be permitted to see him on a  
daily basis when doctors had excluded all other visitors.

Through lengthy and careful talks with WEINER and  
with LEM HARRIS, his close associate, the informant was able  
to ascertain first of all that WEINER does not know of his  
present physical condition, and secondly and most important,  
that WEINER as late as November 7, 1953 had not turned over



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CG 134-46

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to the National CP Office his most confidential information concerning businesses and confidential contacts used by him through the years in connection with CP financial matters. The informant also learned that WEINER had certain personal concerns due to the failure of health, the chief of which was that he was interested in his wife and family being provided for.

This information was submitted to the Bureau and New York by Chicago airtel of November 9, 1953, together with a plan suggested for a possible indirect contact in an effort to reach WEINER before his death so that high secrets of CP finances might be obtained.

In addition to the above, WEINER told the informant that he was glad to learn that the informant had been contacted by PHIL BART, important CP underground functionary, and WEINER at the same time indicated surprise when he learned that the informant's tasks had been outlined only in a general way and further that the informant continues to be more or less isolated from the day to day happenings in the Party. WEINER told the informant that he was not surprised to learn that the informant had not been recontacted by BART since September 16, 1953 explaining that it was not an unusual situation in times like these.

The informant engaged in considerable discussion with WEINER as to the possibility of publishing a novel by SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, national CP underground functionary. WEINER told the informant that as a result of the informant's previous suggestions on the matter, he had taken it up with JOE NORTH and SAM SILLEN of New Century Publishers and it had been tentatively decided that consideration would be given to publishing the book.

WEINER, in discussing JACK KLING, stated that he had recently seen KLING and that he was surprised and pleased at KLING's development. The informant interpreted the latter remark to mean that WEINER might be considering KLING as a possible successor to him on the matter of CP finances.

On the matter of the publication of SUE KLING's book, the informant advised that he raised this question primarily

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to cultivate SUE KLING and secondly because he knew that the information would get to JACK KLING that the informant had assisted his wife in attempting to get publication of her book. WEINER also told the informant that when he saw SUE KLING he should tell her that her husband is healthy and much thinner and doing a good job.

Considerable discussion was also held on the matter of what the informant was reading and what he had not read. On learning that the informant had been unable to spend money for the purchase of many of the recently published books by New Century and other Communist publishers, WEINER ordered LEM HARRIS to obtain a large number of books and these books were delivered to the informant on the occasion of his second visit with WEINER. The informant advised that in Communist parlance the giving of a gift of books is an indication of extreme close friendship and personal ties.

The informant advised that WEINER next asked him who he wanted to see during his New York visit and upon learning that he particularly wanted to see WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and BETTY GANNETT, WEINER contacted LEM HARRIS and placed HARRIS at the informant's disposal to arrange these contacts.

The informant then told WEINER that HARRY MILLER, a Chicago business man presently operating a Party business, had indicated that the National Office had instructed him, MILLER, to assist the informant in getting a new car. The informant advised WEINER that approximately \$600.00 was expended by MILLER and thanked him for it. WEINER merely smiled at the informant and said, "that was nothing".

WEINER then asked the informant how NY 694-S was doing in his business. Informant told him that he was doing fairly well but that he was under-capitalized and was in need of approximately \$36,000.00 for business expansion purposes. WEINER stated, "what is holding him back, is it money?". The informant replied by stating that this may be a contributing factor and the subject was dropped at that point. Informant, in that connection advised that in his opinion WEINER directed these questions to the informant with the possible view of

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attempting to invest Party money in the business of NY 694-S. The informant then told WEINER that NY 694-S was extremely anxious to see WEINER because he had certain news from SAM CARR, a Canadian party functionary who was involved in the Canadian spy ring case. WEINER told the informant that he was also anxious to see NY 694-S and suggested that he meet with him on an appointed date while the informant was there, at a designated place. WEINER next inquired about CARR and where CARR was when he was on the "lam". Informant told him that that was what NY 694-S wanted to explain to him and that NY 694-S had all the details, but that the informant could tell him that CARR had been in the "big country" (Russia). At that statement WEINER told the informant that he feels considerably better in his opinions of CARR on learning that he had been in Russia for part of the time. Informant advised that the meeting that was arranged between WEINER and NY-694-S was cancelled because of WEINER's physical condition. WEINER subsequently told the informant to advise NY 694-S to come to see him at his house some time in the future at night.

The informant's meeting with BETTY GANNETT was also very friendly. They had breakfast together and talked in a restaurant until the noon hour approached. The informant discussed his contact with PHIL BART with her and she told him that she had received a report from BART on his contact with the informant and that this report was a very good one insofar as the informant, NY 694-S, and CS [redacted] were concerned. The informant told GANNETT that he had not seen BART since September and she was surprised to learn this because she stated that BART was now in the territory and had stated that he was to see the informant. She advised the informant that she would immediately contact BART and explain that he must see the informant as early as possible. The informant next told GANNETT that he continues to be more or less isolated and is doing no real tasks in Party work. She was surprised to learn that BART had not assigned the informant specific tasks and that there had been only general agreement as to the nature of work the informant would do between the informant and BART.

GANNETT next instructed the informant that upon his return to Chicago he should advise WILLIAM SENNETT, open District Number 8 CP organizer, that the conference which had been regularly

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scheduled for individuals doing his type of work, would again begin on November 12, 1953 after they had been discontinued following the Cleveland arrests. She instructed the informant to tell him to be in New York on that date.

The above information was furnished to New York by airtel on November 9, 1953 and also to other offices in the Mid-West area inasmuch as GANNETT had indicated that the open leaders then being called in might be from the Mid-West.

The informant had considerable political discussion with GANNETT the details of which are being furnished by separate letter. The informant was also instructed by GANNETT to find out the facts and the status of the case involving HERB MARCH, former National Committee member of the CP, now in Chicago, and employed as an organizer at Armour Local 347 of UPWA-CIO. She briefed him on the facts of the case after the informant had told her that he knew nothing about the case.

GANNETT then told the informant that the Party is having great difficulty raising bail bond money for the recently arrested Smith Act subjects. She requested the informant to ask NY 694-S to contact some of the old "Party angels" that he used to handle in an effort to raise some money.

GANNETT told the informant that PHIL BART was in New York about two weeks ago awaiting the results of his State Court Appeal in Pennsylvania. She told the informant that BART was waiting in New York to surrender if the appeal is not granted but that since the appeal did not come, the Party is now giving serious consideration not to permit him to surrender and to leave him in his present work.

GANNETT told the informant that the decision to assign the informant nationally was made at a meeting between her and four un-named underground leaders.

The informant's next contact was with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the CP. This meeting occurred

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on November 4, 1953 at Fields Restaurant located at 6th Avenue near 14th Street in New York City. The informant spent about an hour and a half with FOSTER. Informant advised that FOSTER was his same old self, meaning that he was very friendly but never says anything that does not apply to him directly or help him in connection with his Party work or writings. For example, the first thing that FOSTER told the informant was that he was writing a new book on the "Three Internationals", and could not find the type of source material that was needed on the Paris Commune and when women got voting rights in France and the U.S.S.R. The informant immediately told FOSTER to forget those little things and asked him how he analyzed the result of the recently held New York elections. After several inquiries on the same subject by the informant, FOSTER finally began discussion of the elections the details of which are being reported in a separate memorandum. FOSTER was also worried about the HERB MARCH case previously referred to and asked the informant to check on the status of the case when he returned to Chicago. The informant advised that FOSTER told him that MARCH had been in New York to see him and had given him the details of the charges. He asked the informant to find out all additional details because "we have to save him". FOSTER, in an inquiry about the MARCH case, was told by the informant that he knew nothing about it and that practically the only person he, the informant, sees from time to time is the District organizer. To this FOSTER replied, "Oh, you mean CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT". The informant advised him that he meant BILL SENNETT.

FOSTER had other political discussion with the informant and was particularly interested in a local racial incident that happened in Chicago recently and wanted to know what the Party had done on this situation. The informant again reported to him that he had nothing to report because he was more or less isolated in Chicago.

The informant advised that insofar as his contact with FOSTER is concerned, the only reason why he considers it important is that it permits the informant to solidify himself with the national leadership because FOSTER is the titular head of the Party and it also affords the informant the opportunity of telling District leaders that he has seen leadership and that FOSTER send regards from New York to them.

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This, according to the informant, is indicative to the District leadership that the informant can be trusted and confided in because he is in good standing.

From an informational standpoint, by far the best contact of the informant during this trip was WILLIAM LAWRENCE, District Number 2 functionary who is in charge of the Cultural Section. This source identified the following leadership in the National Office and in District Number 2 to the informant:

CHARLES DIRBA, in charge of National Control Commission;

RALPH GLICK, head of the District Number 2 Control Commission;

"STRETCH" JOHNSON and one BEN DAVIS, in charge of the District Number 2 CP underground. LAWRENCE told the informant that these individuals meet regularly at an appointed time and place just like the National CP Committee meets every Tuesday;

JOSH LAWRENCE, in charge of the Harlem Division;

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and SY GERSON, in charge of District Number 2 open Party activities;

WILLIAM WEINSTONE, head of Jewish work in District Number 2.

Considerable information concerning LAWRENCE's work including the fact that LAWRENCE was sent to Philadelphia by the CP to investigate the recent Philadelphia arrests and his conclusion as to why the arrests occurred, was obtained. LAWRENCE also discussed CP factional problems in the New York District and the Party's political activity and program. The details of the latter are being incorporated in separate letters to interested offices.

The informant's discussion with MARTIN YOUNG, presently on parole as a result of deportation action by INS and former

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National Committee member of the Party, resulted in the informant obtaining information concerning YOUNG's status and activities. Excellent information concerning the status of VITO MARCANTONIO and dealings of the CP with the American Labor Party was also obtained.

ISADORE and ALICE BEGUN, previously described, engaged in a lengthy theoretical discussion with the informant concerning alleged distortions of the theories on violence and force of Marxism-Leninism by the national leadership defense witnesses during the recent New York Smith Act trial. ALICE BEGUN, leader in the National Committee to Free the Rosenbergs, discussed the Party activity in the committee and the future objectives of the committee now that the ROSENBERGS are dead.

The informant also had a lengthy discussion with EMANUEL BLOCH, attorney for the ROSENBERGS, concerning the Rosenberg case and the future plans for the ROSENBERG children.

MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, who are key sources of information of the informant in the New York area, were seen by the informant on two occasions. Discussions with them were lengthy but somewhat limited because the SCHERERS advised the informant that they were going to Washington, D.C. to attend the November 6, 1953 Revolution Celebration at the Soviet Embassy. Informant was told by the SCHERERS that their contact there was the first secretary of the Embassy and further that they keep the Russians informed concerning the activities and status of the CP, USA. MARCEL SCHERER also told the informant about his contacts in the Rumanian Embassy.

LENA SCHERER told the informant that she had recently been contacted by a functionary of District Number 2 and had been told that she had been a member of the District Cadre Commission for the past two years and being an experienced person had been designated to lead a new class of cadres. SCHERER told the informant that she had replied that she had not known that she held this title and had not attended Cadre Commission meetings. She confidentially told the informant that as of the present time she felt she would not consent to lead the new cadre class because she did not want to become

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actively involved and become a part of the present leadership with whom she has political and organizational differences.

While the informant was visiting the SCHERERS, one ALLISON BURROUGHS, a daughter of a family which had resided in the U.S.S.R. for many years, visited the residence. Informant advised that BURROUGHS is now employed by the Tass News Agency and made inquiry of MARCEL SCHERER concerning the legitimacy of a certain so-called labor union. SCHERER told BURROUGHS that he was not acquainted with the union but would do research on the matter and advise her about it. The informant pointed this episode out to show how the Russians working through American Communists are able to get all kinds of information with ease.

LENA SCHERER next told the informant that [redacted] and his wife recently had a baby girl. She stated that [redacted] s wife had the baby in New York and is presently staying with a sister whose first name is ESTHER in New York City. The informant had previously, on an earlier New York trip, been confidentially advised by SCHERER that [redacted] had been placed underground by the CP somewhere in upstate New York. LENA SCHERER further told the informant that [redacted] had been refused permission to come to New York City to be with his wife at the birth of their child. The above information was submitted to New York by letter, for assistance in possibly locating [redacted]

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Additional discussion was had with the SCHERERS on the status of the American Labor Party and on VITO MARCANTONIO's resignation as chairman of the American Labor Party.

BARNEY and LEON JOSEPHSON were seen by the informant for a short period of time. The chief information developed from these individuals was that LEON JOSEPHSON is presently teaching a course on "Soviet Law" at the Jefferson School.

The informant following his return to Chicago, immediately set out to contact WILLIAM SENNETT to instruct him to be in New York for the open leaders conference on November 12, 1953. In making this contact both the informant and SENNETT inadvertently ran into CHARLES MITCHELL who in



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July, 1953 had confided in the informant that he had been ordered to go underground. MITCHELL later, however, advised the informant that due to health he would not go underground immediately. At the meeting with SENNETT on November 9, 1953, SENNETT remarked upon seeing MITCHELL, "G-- D--- I-, that guy is 'nt supposed to be seen". Informant interpreted this remark to mean that MITCHELL apparently now has an underground assignment.

The informant, however, was told by MITCHELL, during the brief contact with him, that he, MITCHELL, would be in touch with the informant during the following week.

SENNETT told the informant that he would attend the scheduled meeting in New York and the informant briefed him on the agenda which was previously furnished to the informant by GANNETT. Discussion was then held on the HERB MARCH case and on the Trumbull Park racial incident in order that the informant could report back to the National Office.

SENNETT then furnished the informant with a shop bulletin and a copy of a new District Number 8 manual outlining Party work for the 1954 election campaign. Discussion was held on political activities in the District and arrangements were made for the informant to see SENNETT following SENNETT's return from New York on November 19, 1953. During the discussion with SENNETT the informant was told by him that JOHN "SHORTY" STEUBEN, who lived in the neighborhood and who is the editor of the publication "March of Labor", was ill and suggested that the informant should see him.

The informant immediately visited STEUBEN on November 9, 1953 and spent a most profitable four and a half hours with him. STEUBEN, according to the informant, opened up his heart and soul to him concerning District Number 8 and the publication "March of Labor". STEUBEN told the informant that he and the "March of Labor" were originally moved from New York by the Party to Chicago because the national office of the CP at that time wanted to move to Chicago and sent his publication and a few other Communist foreign language publications to Chicago as a feeler to see how the proposed move might work out.

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According to STEUBEN, the National CP Office has decided not to move to Chicago and, therefore, he and his paper are returning to New York and the first issue of the publication bearing a New York masthead will appear in January, 1954.

STEUBEN made the statement that Chicago is considered by the Party to be a "hot" city and that key personnel and meetings are not held here for that reason. In that connection he told the informant that the recently held National CP Conference was not held in Chicago.

The informant was also furnished information by STEUBEN concerning the District Number 8 leadership and STEUBEN informed the informant that he had recently had talks with National CP leaders including FOSTER, on the question of why there had not been Chicago Smith Act arrests. According to STEUBEN, it was the consensus of opinion of the National Office and also his opinion that the FBI has an informant in the District leadership and the Bureau is afraid to make arrests because the situation is now so good that arrests "might rock the boat". STEUBEN cited various "disruptive" incidents which had occurred in the District which causes him to suspect a Bureau agent in the District leadership and told the informant that he is attempting to bring in a committee of the National Review Commission to check out the District leadership. He spoke critically of SAM KUSHNER who he described as being in charge of CP underground trade union activities and stated that KUSHNER was either a "crook or an agent". Considerable information concerning other leadership personnel was also obtained and particularly STEUBEN furnished information that many people in the District are dissatisfied with the arrogance and laziness of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

STEUBEN next exhibited a letter to the informant from BEATRICE SISKIND, formerly a National CP functionary who voluntarily left the United States for Poland after deportation proceedings were begun against her. This letter was postmarked from Berlin. The letter was in reply to a letter from STEUBEN wherein he asked for support of W.F.T.U. in connection with deportation proceedings presently pending against him.

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STEUBEN next told the informant that within the next few hours, that is on November 9, 1953, he was meeting with an underground leader as to trade union work. He did not identify this individual and this office was unable to cover this meeting for security reasons due to the fact that informant had just been to STEUBEN's residence. STEUBEN also told the informant that an important CP trade union conference was being held in Chicago on November 20, 1953 and at least one underground leader would be in attendance. Arrangements are being made to locate this meeting place and to identify the underground leader attending it.

STEUBEN next told the informant that he had a scheduled meeting on an-un-named date with the District organizer of Indiana whom he did not further identify. The informant scheduled another meeting with STEUBEN before he, STEUBEN, changes his residence to New York.

On November 8, 1953 the informant had a short talk with MILTON BURNS, who is the power behind the throne at Farm Equipment Workers Union. The discussion concerned the Farm Equipment Workers Union and the FE personnel and BURNS told the informant that he would see him again soon.

The balance of the informant's activities during the two week period was devoted to reading and to correspondence with his regular contacts in New York including WILLIAM WEINER, the SCHERERS and others.

On November 12, 1953 CS [redacted] at the informant's request, saw SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, previously described, to give her the message from WEINER about her book and to tell her about the health of her husband. KLING was most appreciative of the informant's efforts to get her book published and for the information concerning her husband. The informant advised that he requested this contact because he knows that SUE KLING will pass on the word, concerning the informant's help to her, to JACK KLING either through courier or the next time she sees him.

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Informant's Expenses During New York Trip, October 30-November 7, 1953

The informant advised on November 16, 1953 that he is unable to give an itemized statement of expenses incurred

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during the trip as he kept no records for security reasons. He said, however, that he again spent all of the monies advanced (\$300.00) and in addition borrowed \$20.00 from NY 694-S to get home.

The informant stated that he realized that it may be difficult for the Bureau to understand the necessity for him to make expenditures of more or less a personal nature on a trip such as this. In an effort for the Bureau to understand the necessity for him to make extraordinary expenditures the informant again explained that for years while he was in leadership of the Party he was always known to his close, personal comrade friends to be considerate of their personal matters and particularly to be considerate when the comrades themselves or members of their family were either ill or in dire need. With this in mind, the informant said that it continues to be necessary for him to make extraordinary expenses of a personal nature in order that his cover may be secure and further in order to assist in further solidifying himself in the National leadership through personal expenditures for gifts for certain influential Communist leaders and their families. For example, the informant stated that in seeing WEINER he had on different occasions brought him three bouquets of flowers and a number of books which he thought might interest WEINER. He also carried with him a few small antique pieces for WEINER's wife because he has previously indicated to her that he is dabbling in antiques and, therefore, he brought a few small items to her to maintain this cover. He was also required to bring some art material supplies for the nephew of WEINER who is confined to his home as a result of a serious automobile accident.

The informant also felt that it was necessary, as he has always done in the past, for him to bring small gifts to the daughters of BILL LAWRENCE, and from the information that he obtained for the Bureau from LAWRENCE it appears that the amount of money expended was well spent. As in the past the informant felt that it was also necessary for him to bring certain token gifts to the SCHERERS. This is particularly true because the SCHERERS, when the informant comes to New York, always arrange for other comrades to visit with the informant at their residence and provide food and drinks for them. The informant felt that in order to keep this type of arrangements with the SCHERERS, it was necessary for him to

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make a limited purchase for liquor prior to his meeting with the SCHERERS. Again, from the information obtained from these sources, the expenditures for these gifts appeared to be warranted.

The informant advised also that his cab and train fares while in New York were particularly heavy on this trip because of his frequent trips to Far Rockaway to see WEINER and also because of his trips to Manhattan to see people like FOSTER, GANNETT, YOUNG, LAWRENCE, etc.

The informant advised that where ever possible he used public transportation particularly when he was about to approach meeting places.

The informant also paid for meals for FOSTER and GANNETT stating that he was in New York on business and could charge the meals off to his expense account with the firm of NY 694-S.

In summary, the informant advised that in his opinion and based on the results obtained, he believes that the money spent was in the Bureau's interest. He furnished the approximate amount of expenses that he could itemize as being as follows:

Plane Fare:	\$98.73
Hotel room, three nights at \$5.50:	16.50
Food for nine days including meals for GANNETT, FOSTER and a few others:	65.00
Transportation, including cabs, trains, etc., approximately:	50.00
Phone calls including four to Chicago for checks with CSCG 5853-S re presence of PHIL BART, and to relay in- formation to Chicago Office:	10.00
Metropolitan phone calls:	10.00
Other entertainment including gifts for comrades necessary in informant's work, approxi- mately:	50.00
TOTAL approximate expenses:	\$300. <sup>a</sup> 33

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It is pointed out by the informant that these are rough approximations of the amounts expended, however, the informant advised that in order for him to solidify himself and particularly since he is alleged to be working for the firm of NY 694-S, he feels that all of the above items were necessary.

This office knows the informant and feels that he is honest. It is also known that he has a reputation in the Party for giving gifts and paying personal attention to the needs of those who are sick and close to him in the movement.

It is believed that the itemized list of expenditures furnished by the informant is truthful to the best of his knowledge and it is further believed that the information which he obtained through his New York trip, and the contacts he made might not have been possible but for the knowledge among his Communist friends of the informant's personal concern for them and his generosity. It is, however, believed not advisable to reimburse the informant for the additional \$20.00 expended by him during this trip because it is felt that he would expend at least that amount if he were in the city.

#### Evaluation and Further Plans

Discussion was held with the informant on November 8, 10, and 16, 1953 relative to his accomplishments during the past two weeks.

The informant was optimistic and feels his trip was beneficial and particularly well-timed because had he come into New York at a later date it is possible that he would not have seen his most influential National Office contact WILLIAM WEINER, who is sick with cancer. GANNETT's reception of the informant was described as most encouraging, and her statement that PHIL BART, leading CP underground functionary, reported favorably on his contact with the informant, is also most encouraging. The quality of the information obtained during the informant's New York trip and subsequent thereto is also added indication of the trust of the Party leadership in this informant and it is believed that the value of this informant will continue to increase.

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In view of GANNETT's statement concerning the presence of BART in the Mid-West and her instructions to him to see the informant, a contact with BART is expected soon and it is hoped that this contact will result in more concrete tasks being assigned to the informant.

The informant's general mental attitude continues to be good. However, as he and NY 694-S become more and more involved in Party work and as the informant follows the day to day disclosures and hearings of Congressional Committees investigating Communism, he becomes more and more disturbed. Three things appear to disturb him most, the first being his personal security and the second being that he raises questions concerning whether or not the Bureau continues to have a general overall plan to combat Communism as he was told the Bureau had at the time he agreed to assist the Bureau. The third matter that disturbs him is that he questions that the Bureau has liaison with Congressional Committees and INS which will permit the Bureau to follow a long-range plan that might allow him and other informants working along the same lines to reach the inner Party underground leadership without having certain contacts disturbed.

The informant has been repeatedly assured of the Bureau's continued agreement with him on all phases of work. He has nevertheless and particularly since reading a "New York Times" article concerning the exposure of PAUL F. HECKO, allegedly an informant of the Bureau since 1952, insisted that he again see someone higher than an agent in the Bureau to reassure him on the matters that concern him.

The informant was told on November 16, 1953 that the matter would be talked over with the Special Agent in Charge and that if time was available, arrangements would be made for the informant to get the necessary assurances within the next few weeks.

It is believed that the desire of this informant to reach the inner level of CP underground leadership is such that he makes demands of a nature above described. He is particularly concerned because he fears a loss of the influential contacts that he has either through arrests or deportations, and because he feels the Bureau does not understand these problems he fears that he may ultimately find himself dealing with a new CP leadership to whom the informant is not known.

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He fears that if such a situation ultimately results that his efforts will be greatly hampered. This office has been unable to tell him directly that where it is felt that a contact such as PHIL BART might be utilized to obtain valuable information through the informant, the Bureau has seen fit to withhold its order for apprehension on sight. It is believed that this situation can be handled, however, the informant has said that unless he is assured that the Bureau has an overall plan in agreement with his objective, that is to crush the real leadership of the Party, he cannot assist the Bureau for solely monetary reasons and it may be necessary for him to openly expose himself and to wage an open battle against Communism. This is not interpreted as a threat on the part of the informant. The feeling of this office is that he is presently so anti-Communist that he cannot do enough to hurt the real leadership of the Party and for that reason, when he sees some of his excellent and influential sources of information and people who might raise him in leadership, going by the wayside he becomes acutely worried.

One copy of this letter is being submitted to New York for information inasmuch as the informant has advised that NY 694-S was not told of all the details of the informant's discussion with WEINER concerning the business of NY 694-S.

The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments.



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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 11-24-53

FROM : SA Paul N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CP 824-S

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DATES OF CONTACT: 11-23-53 Chatham Hotel

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - Sam Hammer mark  
 100 - 125  
 100 - Modern Book Store  
 100 - Elmer Johnson  
 100 - Imogene Johnson  
 100 - John Kerschner  
 100 - Mollie West  
 100 - Frank Muelle  
 100 - Al Wagener  
 100 - 3960 Wm Sennett  
 100 - 2398 CPUSA  
 100 - Wm. Z. Foster  
 100 - Lena Scher

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative:

Positive:

100 - Claudine Jones  
 Betty Gannett  
 Retha Perry  
 Sy Gerson

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 100 - CP Pal. Activities  
 100 - Prog. Party  
 100 - Ch. Parnell & Pab.  
 100 - Bob WERTZ  
 100 -  
 100 - CP Negro Party

100 - 1826 Herb March  
 100 - Wm L. Patterson  
 100 - Lois MUCCI  
 100 - Jno STUBBS  
 100 - March of Labor  
 100 - 21222 (CP - Underground)  
 100 - Sam Kerschner

100 -  
 100 - CP

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100 - Mult. Copies  
 100 - 245-36  
 100 - 245-36

## PERSONAL DATA:

Info. on all of above furnished by [redacted]

Info with Sam Hammer mark 11-22  
 March 11-21-53 Wm Sennett 11-20-53 - To be disconnected  
 to Subj file & 134-46 - all positive info.

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SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

*delivered to Freeman*  
For your assistance in handling this informant;  
there is attached Form 1040, addressed to the informant  
under his cover name and to his cover address.

There is no objection to your assisting the  
informant in completing this return, which should be filed  
with:

The Director of Internal Revenue  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Attachment *[initials]*

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Rebulet October 14, 1953 captioned CG 5824-S wherein this office was requested to advise whether or not it was believed necessary for the Bureau to contact the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service relative to CS [redacted] in the same manner as the Bureau has notified Immigration and Naturalization Service of our interest in other individuals closely associated with CG 5824-S.

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Careful consideration has been given by this office to this matter and for the time being it has been decided that it might not be advisable for the Bureau to make such request at this time since it may cause Immigration and Naturalization Service to identify CG 5824-S as a Bureau informant. As stated in Chicago letter of October 7, 1953, inquiry was made of Immigration and Naturalization Service by this office concerning CS [redacted] in September, 1953 and it was determined at that time that Immigration and Naturalization Service has no central file on this source.

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It is believed that Immigration and Naturalization Service will conform to regulations with regard to securing Bureau clearance before an open investigation is initiated on CS [redacted]. It is also believed that periodic checks at Immigration and Naturalization Service by this office to determine whether or not the source file has been centralized at say intervals of three months will also provide an added check on this matter.

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It is the belief of this office that should Immigration and Naturalization Service make a request for clearance for investigation of this source, it will be easy to explain that clearance for such investigation cannot be given due to pending investigation on the source.

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It is also believed that the periodic check at intervals of three months will afford this office sufficient notice to ward off any open investigation should the regulations in reference to clearance be disregarded by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It is, therefore, the opinion of this office that the longer a specific request for deferment of any investigation can be held off by this office the greater the possibility is that the identity of CG 5824-S as a Bureau informant can be concealed from INS.

It is, therefore, suggested for the time being that the Bureau defer any open request to INS at Washington to advise their Chicago Office that no investigation should be conducted on CS [redacted] b7D

For the information of the Bureau, GS [redacted] during October, 1953, was told by WILLIAM SENNETT, open District Organizer, that she must begin paying Party dues to him. The source told SENNETT that she had no money for the payment of such dues at this time, but would begin paying dues as soon as she had available funds. b7D

On November 12, 1953, a long discussion was held with CS [redacted] concerning her reactivation in the Party. The source, who is an extremely intelligent woman with knowledge and experience in every phase of Communist activity, particularly in Party finances, advised that she is having a most difficult time in bringing herself to reactivate in the CP. She explained that over ten years ago, she had removed herself from a movement with which she had come into complete disagreement from ideological and moral standpoints. She stated, however, that she knew she would eventually have to rejoin the CP due to the fact that CG 5824-S is beginning again to assume Party leadership responsibilities. She said that she would make every effort to bring herself around to agree to rejoin the Party, but that her convictions against the Communist ideology are such that if she rejoins the CP, she is fearful whether or not she could control her emotions during ideological or political discussions. b7D

The source was told that it was realized that she would be involved in work and tasks which would require great sacrifice but it was pointed out to her that in order for her to assist her husband in doing the job which he has set out to do, she should seriously consider rejoining the CP as her services were needed. It was pointed out to the source that in the agent's

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opinion, CG 5824-S could be influential in possibly detaching her to work on specific tasks involving finances or could attach her to a professional group where the scope of her contacts would be limited for security reasons. It was also pointed out that it was believed that CG 5824-S could limit her open tasks to a minimum by pointing out that any open activities on her part would directly affect CG 5824-S who has been instructed that he is not to operate in the open.

Conferences have also been held with CG 5824-S relative to his wife's reactivation. The informant admits that he is having a difficult time making her see the necessity for reactivation, but he has advised that he believes he can handle the matter and that she, as a matter of course, within the next month or so will consent to going back into the Party. The Bureau will be kept advised of the developments of both of the above described matters and contacts will be maintained with the source on a limited scale for security reasons and also at the request of CG 5824-S, who believes that as of now he is in a better position to convince the source of the necessity for reactivation.

The other matter raised in referenced Bulet concerning a possible cover for funds for CG 5824-S is also receiving attention but to date no solution has been found. The informant, during his recent New York trip, was not offered funds on a regular basis for work in the Party. The informant advised that he did not feel that he should have asked for money at that time for the reason that the Party knows his wife is working and supporting him and also that NY 694-S is in a position to financially support the informant. This matter has been discussed from time to time with CG 5824-S and he feels some solution must be worked out, but admitted that he is at a loss to suggest other employment than with the firm of NY 694-S. No action will be taken on this matter until the informant has a recontact with PHIL BART, because it is possible that BART will further discuss assignment with the informant and may offer him a regular income from the Party which would serve to solve and account for additional funds for the informant as well as employment on a full time basis.

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TO : SAC (134-46)

DATE: 0 07:11 PM  
12-2-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg-5824-s

On 12-1-53 the writer paid the above the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered and expenses incurred during the period 11-16 thru 11-30-53 at the Hilton Hotel and the receipt obtained was turned in to the Secy of the ASAC. Auth 7-28-53 6 mos.

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Re Chicago letter dated November 23, 1953, summarizing the informant's activities through November 12, 1953.

The following summary covers the period November 13th through November 26, 1953:

The informant continues to be in regular contact by mail with MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communists, the latter of whom is a member of the District #2 Cadre Commission. A letter dated November 14, 1953, from LENA SCHERER told the informant about the attendance of her and her husband at the Russian Embassy November 6, 1953, Revolution Celebration. She reported that the event was a gala one with many of the countries who formerly had not attended these functions in attendance at this celebration. She stated that she had talked with her friends at the Embassy (she has previously told the informant that her contact is the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy) and found it hard to explain to the Russians the Party strategy in reference to the American Labor Party during their recently held New York elections.

She advised that she had seen VITO MARCANTONIO during the past week and that he, in turn, had been visited by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the CP, following the New York elections. FOSTER reportedly tried to explain away the Party position to MARCANTONIO by telling him that votes for the ALP were not important. According to SCHERER, MARCANTONIO had not responded to the overtures of FOSTER and had resigned the chairmanship of the ALP. She told the informant that now a new "little" man will be chosen to lead the ALP.

SCHERER told the informant that she attended a meeting addressed by JOE STAROBIN, former "Daily Worker" correspondent in Europe, on November 13, 1953. The hall

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reportedly was 3/5 empty, and she reported that STAROBIN particularly emphasized that in the countries of Eastern Europe, the right of "criticism and self-criticism" is permitted. She reported that many of the District #2 functionaries including GEORGE BLAKE and SY GERSON were present at this meeting apparently to check up on what STAROBIN was reporting. (Informant had previously learned from BETTY GANNET, National Organizational Secretary of the CP, that STAROBIN is suspected of anti-Russian statements made in connection with his recently made tour of West Coast cities.)

The letter continued by stating that the Bureau had again seen HOWARD BOLDT, employee of the "Daily Worker" and brother-in-law of LENA SCHERER, during the past week. She reported that BOLDT and his wife were upset by the contact but that BOLDT refused to let Bureau agents speak to him. She advised the informant that she had been in touch by telephone with WILLIAM LAWRENCE during the past week but had not seen him to date.

A letter of the same date from MARCEL SCHERER contained approximately the same information as above.

A letter of November 19, 1953, from LENA SCHERER advised that both she and her husband continued to be unemployed and that financially they were "lower than low" with no one left to borrow from. She mentioned that LEON JOSEPHSON had again been contacted but she was not specific as to whether he had been contacted by Bureau Agents or by other federal authorities. She stated that she had again seen JOE STAROBIN, supra, who had a lot of stories which he had gathered on the West Coast about the condition of the Party. He told the SCHERERS, however, that he had no answers as to what could be done to bring the Party into line. Through previous contacts with the SCHERERS, the informant has made arrangements for JOE STAROBIN to see him in Chicago on or about December 14, 1953, when STAROBIN is scheduled to speak in Chicago.

On November 16, 1953, the informant drafted a personal letter to WILLIAM WEINER, CP National Finance Man who is presently ill with cancer. This is in line with the

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informant's program of using the influence of WEINER to advance the informant so long as WEINER lives.

On November 19, 1953, the informant had personal contact with WILLIAM SENNETT, District #8 Open Organizer of the CP. This was one of the regular meetings that the informant has with SENNETT, and this particular meeting lasted for approximately 4½ hours.

One of the reasons why SENNETT made contact with the informant was to discuss certain CP election problems and what the informant thought of the CP District #8 1954 election program booklet which was recently issued in the District.

SENNETT, in connection with the meeting, advised the informant that he was in New York for a conference of open leaders of the CP on November 12, 1953. (Informant had previously learned of this meeting from SENNETT in advance of the scheduled meeting, and New York and interested offices were advised.) During the course of the meeting, SENNETT produced his notes on the above conference consisting of 8 typewritten single spaced pages. The informant read the report which indicated that the following individuals were in attendance:

CLAUDIA JONES, reported on the Party program on peace.

ARNOLD JOHNSON, reported on Civil Rights.

SY GERSON, reported on the elections.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, participated in the discussion on practically every subject on the agenda but particularly on the subject of peace and on the elections.

BETTY GANNETT, participated in entire discussion.

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PETTIS PERRY, participated in entire discussion.

WILLIAM SENNETT, participated in entire discussion.

One NUSSE (PH) of New Jersey, believed to be the District open organizer of New Jersey.

JAMES FORREST of St. Louis, no record that he participated in discussion.

The informant advised that a perusal of these names reflected that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in his report stressed the point that the CP seems to swing in its tactics from one extreme to another, first being sectarian and then reversing this and shouting "coalition." Both he and BETTY GANNETT emphasized that an example of this was the liquidation of many districts of the American Labor Party and the national liquidation of the Progressive Party. Both agreed that these positions are wrong because both ALP and the PP can be still used by the Party and there are also "legal" reasons for continuing their existence insofar as the Party is concerned.

SENNETT reported at the conference that the PP of Chicago is virtually liquidated. He stated that in 1948 the PP in Chicago had 18 full-time people, while now it has not one.

A discussion was held concerning the possibility of the Party encouraging people to run in the 1954 elections as Independent Party candidates. This tactic was agreed on in New York but was not believed feasible for legal reasons in Illinois. The purpose in New York will be to allow Party speakers the right for open publicity of a political program which will allow for Party propaganda on the radio and in the newspapers. It was emphasized that the possible vote receiving ability of candidates is unimportant.

Concerning the civil rights report of this conference, informant decided that the Party agreed that with regard to INS cases the Party will concentrate on publicity on only three

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cases, these being BETTY GANNETT, ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, and CLAUDIA JONES.

It was also decided to increase the circulation of the "Daily Worker" as a part of the Party's concretizing the original decision of the National Conference report of September, 1953. It was agreed in that connection that someone in each district will be assigned to be responsible for "Daily Worker" circulation in the district. In Chicago the Party program calls for 1500 new "Worker" readers and 140 new readers for the "Daily Worker" for the first year of this concentration program.

The election report was in the main delivered by SY GERSON. With regard to Illinois, the big problem for the Party is what to do with regard to support or non-support of the candidacy of Senator DOUGLAS. The Party, in analyzing the political situation in the State of Illinois, finds a split in the Republican Party which might work to the advantage of the Democratic Party in the Illinois Congressional elections of 1954. Its program is to increase the rift in the Republican Party if at all possible, and every effort will be made to avoid the political mistakes such as the Party made in connection with the use of the ALP in New York in the recently held New York elections. It was pointed out that the CP does not want to duplicate the mistakes of the New York District in connection with the Senator DOUGLAS situation, and it is hoped that the CP can modify its stand on DOUGLAS in line with the Party plan of coalition and concentration in the Illinois elections.

In Illinois, next to the senatorial race, the Party decided on a national concentration program to defeat Congressman VELDE of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Again, the basis for possible defeat of VELDE will be disagreements within the Republican Party, and particular efforts will be made to influence the Protestant clergy who the party feels is angry with VELDE because of his attack on ministers in the church. The Party program calls for an initial fight in the primaries on the Republican ticket to defeat VELDE. The Party has also analyzed the possibilities of the Democratic Party in the VELDE District and it is found that where the

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Democratic Party was formerly a nonentity, they are now much stronger due to discontent among the farmers, farm equipment workers, and among the workers in the distilling industry. So the Party, therefore, does not rule out the possibility of a Democratic Party victory in VELDE's district, provided it organizes the workers and the farmers in his district against the Republican Party.

SENNETT then outlined to the informant the Party program for seeking candidates among labor with church leadership support in VELDE's district, and told the informant of the detailed plans and program now in existence by the Party in this district to defeat VELDE. He indicated and identified certain individuals in the Communist "left wing" union including one KEN BORN who has been assigned the task of work in the VELDE district. SENNETT also told the informant that the Party support among farmers will be concentrated around membership in the Farmers Union, and in that connection FRED STOVER of the Farmers Union is now active in Illinois, recruiting Farmers Union members into his organization in an effort to secure political support for anti-VELDE candidates. SENNETT told the informant that it was decided in New York that if it appears that the VELDE campaign has possibilities, the Party nationally has been asked to throw in money into the political campaign.

SENNETT next told the informant that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's article on the national question entitled "Sectarianism and the Negro Question" has had a terrible reaction in the Chicago district and that to date he has been unable to get a single leading negro comrade to endorse the article.

He told the informant that HERB MARCH, a leading CP trade unionist in the Chicago area and formerly a National Committee member of the CP, has not had his case decided on by the Party in reference to charges against him of "White Chauvinism".

He described MARCH as a demoralized guy and told the informant that he, SENNETT, does not know how to bring MARCH's case to a satisfactory conclusion.

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Concerning finances in the district, SENNETT told the informant that the district financial situation is excellent but that he is afraid that the new Party assessments and dues schedule will hurt the district financial situation. The reason he gave was that he believes the new assessment will cause contributors to the Party organization fund, which is used by the underground, to cut down on their regular contributions to this fund and to balance off what they would give normally to the organization fund against what they will give in connection with the new assessment. He told the informant that dues collections have been so good that since the first Smith Act trial, no district CP leader has ever gone without a week's pay. He stated that in a previous "Daily Worker" drive, the district had paid off its assessment from available funds in advance on agreement by the "Daily Worker" office that this fact would not be publicized so as to interfere with "Daily Worker" fund drive collections. He then made the comment that he does not know how "He does it but LEON (KATZEN) still seems to raise the dough." (KATZEN is CP District #8 Financial Secretary who has been underground for approximately 2 years).

SENNETT next told the informant about the current district organization structure. He stated that in this district, sections are now referred to as divisions. There are 15 divisions and 5 regions in the district, with each region having 3 divisions in it.

Concerning CP security in the district, SENNETT next showed the informant a list of approximately 50 automobile licenses with car descriptions which he stated had been compiled by the district for use of the district leadership in identifying Bureau cars. He told the informant that he would prepare a list of these license numbers for the informant's use in the near future.

SENNETT next told the informant that FRANK MUCCI, District #8 CP functionary who has been underground for approximately 3 years, is ill with cancer at Mt. SINAI Hospital, Chicago, and is registered under the name of GEORGE FARRELL.

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He told the informant that he is certain the FBI is aware of MUCCI's presence at the hospital and, therefore, said that the informant would have to use his own judgement as to whether or not he should see MUCCI.

At the termination of this meeting it was agreed that the informant would see SENNETT at least every four weeks and oftener if necessary should unforeseen circumstances develop.

On November 21, 1953, the informant visited with FRANK MUCCI and found him in the condition described by SENNETT. The informant had a short conversation with LOIS MUCCI, the wife, who told him that she was staying temporarily at the residence of MOLLIE LIEBER WEST, wife of JIM WEST, CP underground functionary. The informant agreed to keep in touch with LOIS MUCCI in the future.

On November 21, 1953, the informant had contact with JOHN STEUBEN, editor of the Communist "left wing" trade union publication "March of Labor" for approximately 4½ hours. The informant had previously been told by STEUBEN of a conference of the CP Trade Union Commission which was scheduled for November 20, 1953.

SENNETT told the informant that he had attended this conference for the purpose of charging the district leadership with neglect of Party trade union work and was prepared to make allegations that there was a leak of information among the leadership in District #8, causing disruption of the normal Party work, particularly in trade union work. He told the informant that upon arriving at the meeting, "STEVE", who was later identified by him as SAM KUSHNER in charge of underground trade union Party work, was present and led the meeting. Upon learning of this, STEUBEN told the informant that he decided that he would not debate with KUSHNER on this issue because he was a party to his, STEUBEN's, charges of District CP trade union work neglect. He, therefore, said that he made the decision to take up the entire question with the national office of the Party.

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He told the informant that the Trade Union Committee of the Party did decide to nominate HERB MARCH, previously described, as the Chicago editor of the "March of Labor". (It will be noted that the informant had previously learned that he, STEUBEN, and the "March of Labor" itself are being moved to New York.") STEUBEN said that this decision itself was a slap in the face of KUSHNER by the Party trade union members because he is part of the district leadership and MARCH is presently under charges.

STEUBEN commented that he still is convinced that SAM KUSHNER or someone around him in the district leadership are either agents of the FBI or are willfully working to disrupt Party trade union work in this district. STEUBEN then told the informant that he had quite a discussion with the head of the National CP trade union work, "Little BILL", who he later identified to the informant as AL SIMON, formerly known to the informant as one of the leading CP trade union individuals in New York and one-time member of the National Committee of the Party. STEUBEN, in connection with this meeting, did not mention when it occurred or where it occurred. He did state that the nature of his discussion with SIMON was trade union work in the Chicago area, and the point he made was that the national CP trade union program is being neglected by District #8, as shown by the way in which the District #8 leadership failed to support the "March of Labor" during the 2 years of its existence in Chicago, and also by the fact that no one of the CP underground leaders made and guided strategy and tactics in connection with the International Harvester strike in Chicago. He told the informant that if it is the last thing he does he is going to get SAM KUSHNER.

STEUBEN, in further explaining his reason for hostility to the district leadership of the Party, told the informant that he, who was sent to Chicago by the national office of the CP to promote Party trade union work 2 years ago, had not seen CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP District #8 underground organizer, in the 2 years he had been here, despite the fact that he was supposed to have had close contact with this leadership. He sarcastically remarked that each time a meeting with LIGHTFOOT was arranged, it was cancelled by



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LIGHTFOOT on grounds of security.

Speaking of the lack of security of the underground leadership in this district, STEUBEN cited as an example the security precautions taken in taking him, STEUBEN, to the trade union meeting on November 20, 1953. He told the informant that the Party had sent TOM KELLEY, a leading CP trade unionist in the steel industry and known as such for many years, to pick up STEUBEN, and he remarked that KUSHNER is using "other guys like him in steel" for the same purpose. STEUBEN then remarked that when KELLEY got to the meeting, he was instructed that he must sit outside the door where the meeting was being held and he could not participate in the trade union discussions.

STEUBEN told the informant that he was leaving by plane on the afternoon of November 23, 1953, for New York where he will take up residence in Queens. The "March of Labor" will be at 799 Broadway, New York City, and he, STEUBEN, and the informant made arrangements for STEUBEN to see NY 694-S (informant's brother) following his arrival in New York.

On the same date and during his discussion with STEUBEN, HERB MARCH telephonically contacted STEUBEN in the informant's presence. STEUBEN remarked to MARCH that he had an "old friend visiting him who MARCH might like to see. Within a few moments MARCH appeared at the STEUBEN residence and saw the informant for the first time in approximately 6 years. MARCH immediately told the informant about the present Party charges against him and spoke briefly to him about his family and miscellaneous matters. MARCH asked the informant for an appointment to see him within the next week, and arrangements were made for such meeting between MARCH and the informant.

On November 21, 1953, at the informant's instructions, CS [redacted] of the informant, visited with MILTON and SUE COHEN, leading Hyde Park Communists. The source learned that COHEN had been detached from the Hyde Park Section of the CP and it was indicated to the source that COHEN is now working closely with WILLIAM SENNETT, previously described, and that he is doing his Party tasks, possibly courier work, at the same time he is privately employed

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as a welfare worker moving about the city.

On November 22, 1953, the informant saw SAM HAMMERSMARK, proprietor of the Modern Book Store, CP outlet for literature in the Chicago area, and a charter member of the CP, whom the informant has known for approximately 30 years. Informant obtained much information from HAMMERSMARK concerning individuals in the Chicago District, and HAMMERSMARK told the informant of the Party program to decentralize its literature production and outlets in contemplation of the Government decreeing the CP an illegal organization, in which case the Party could not publish any of its key Marxist texts. HAMMERSMARK told the informant about the financial condition of the Modern Book Store and about an autobiography which he is writing and which will be edited by CARL HIRSCH, Chicago editor of the "Daily Worker".

In addition to the above, the informant continues to furnish valuable information concerning the background of individuals in the CP over the period of approximately 30 years, on Lenin School students, and on individuals whom the Bureau is investigating under an Espionage - R classification.

#### Evaluation and Future Plans

From the nature of the above described contacts, it is obvious that as the informant continues his operations the quality of his information continues to be better. During the past month the informant has furnished information on the identity of at least 10 individuals in the District #2 open and underground leadership, as well as the identity of such individuals as AL SIMON, CP underground national trade union organizer. From reports this office has received from other offices such as Philadelphia, the informant's information has been accurate. This office has also had occasion to check the veracity of the informant's information particularly in reference to the presence of underground leadership and individuals in the Chicago area, and on each occasion the informant's information has been accurate.

The informant continues to patiently wait for a contact with PHIL BART, CP Midwest underground organizer, who BETTY GAMNET and earlier BART himself stated would contact the informant. This matter was discussed with the informant

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on November 23, 1953, at which time the informant advised that he is not worried that the contact has not been made because the CP does not consider time of the essence and does not work under a timetable.

The informant plans to continue regular contacts with HERB MARCH and with WILLIAM SENNETT, both previously described, as well as with a select list of other contacts in this area, including SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, national CP functionary underground, and others.

At the meeting of November 19, 1953, arrangements were made with SENNETT by the informant for the payment of Party dues by CS [redacted]. The informant had not convinced her as of the date of the writing of this letter, but advised that she realizes that in order for him to accomplish what he has set out to do it will be necessary for her to rejoin the CP. Arrangements were made for the informant to talk to the SAC on December 1, 1953, to review the informant's entire work and his program for the future, as well as to take up certain problems that the informant has raised.

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The informant's frame of mind is generally good, but he wants clarification concerning some of the matters on which he had raised questions with the Bureau at the time he had previously agreed to be of service. It is believed that all of these matters have previously been raised by him and can be satisfactorily handled during this conference.

The loss of WILLIAM WEINER in the event of his death from cancer will undoubtedly not help in the informant's reactivation efforts because WEINER was considered by the informant to be his most powerful and influential contact. Informant, however, is not worried about this matter because he anticipates using the services of certain other Smith Act subjects such as EUGENE DENNIS, JACK S TACHEL and others, upon their release from jail. In the meantime, the informant will keep in contact with BETTY GANNETT and others who are available, and continue his work in placing himself at the highest possible level he can reach in the national leadership.

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During the past two week period, the informant has made what is believed to be sound suggestions concerning the advancement and development of informants presently employed in basic industries, and it is services such as these which have been transmitted to the Bureau which are believed to emphasize the value of the service of this informant to the Bureau.

The Bureau will be advised of all developments.

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-38020)

December 8, 1953

SAC, CHICAGO (100-20241) (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

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Reurlet 11/20/53 requesting characterization  
of CG 5824-S for summary report purposes.

For your information, this informant was  
developed in the TOPLEV Program, is currently active  
and of known reliability. He is not available to  
testify.

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Reference bulet dated September 29, 1952 authorizing the designation of CS [redacted] as a confidential source of information and recontacts with her. Reference also Chicago letter dated December 2, 1953, entitled "CG 5824-S", a copy of which was designated for the Bureau file of CS [redacted]. This letter advised that CG [redacted] was periodically contacted and that in October, 1953, she had been asked by WILLIAM SENNETT, District Number 8, Open Organizer, to start paying Communist Party dues.

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On November 30, 1953, the source at the request of CG 5824-S left an envelope containing \$25.00 for party dues and assessments with an individual at the office of WILLIAM SENNETT at the Modern Book Store. This amount was tendered at the suggestion of CG 5824-S in full settlement of past dues and party assessments and it is believed that this amount will be accepted for the purposes indicated. He ~~has~~ had her leave an additional \$5.00 for her monthly dues and assessments.

[redacted] was contacted on December 8, 1953, and advised that to date she has not been assigned to a unit or section. CG 5824-S is attempting to have her kept in a detached status or placed in the Professional Section with the special assignment of making contacts to raise funds.

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Inasmuch as she has now paid her CP dues and is considered by SENNETT as a CP member, she is being carried as a security informant and will be designated as [redacted]

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[redacted] was in contact by phone with SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, presently underground, on December 8, 1953, and will see her on December 9, 1953.

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This informant has been briefed on Bureau policies relative to informants on numerous occasions in the past and fully understands them.

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No arrangements have been made to compensate her through payments for services rendered or expenses, since it is felt that the compensation being paid to CG 5824-S should be sufficient. Should it be decided to reimburse her for necessary expenses incurred, an appropriate request will be made to the Bureau.

The informant has been assigned the code name of [REDACTED]

One additional copy of this letter is being furnished the Bureau for the file of CG 5824-S (Bufile 61-7665).

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 12/10/53

FROM : SA C. N. Fryman.

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

12-9-53 (Personal)

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-21222 (CP Underground)

100-125-

100-CP-Pol Activities

100-18016 Chas Mitchell

100-CP-Security

100-Al Wagnersrecht

100-Sam Kushner

100-Leon Katzman

100- [redacted]

61-867 (Claude Lightfoot)

100-Dave Englesheim

100 "Geron"

100- [redacted]

100-Ray Tillman

100- [redacted]

100-545-

100-CP-International Relations

100-Lena Scherer

100-Leon Josephson

100-Romania Ferguson

100-1345 [redacted]

105-904

100-13342 (Yonik)

65-817 Levine

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

100-21684 - Litwin

100-15802 (Freedman)

100-21704 (Cassman)

100-15888 [redacted]

All of above

portion -

Info on Contact

with Chas Mitchell

12/9/

for Jerusalem

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PERSONAL DATA:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

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On December 1, 1953 I had contact with CG 5824-S at the informant's request, and met with him with Supervisor JOSEPH P. MC MAHON and Special Agent CARL N. FREYMAN, who handles this informant. The purpose of this meeting was to review the informant's progress to date and to give him certain reassurances which he desired relative to continued Bureau cooperation in the matter of his reactivation efforts, as well as to give him certain assurances that consideration will be given to any suggestions that the informant might have in the future to advance himself to a position in the National Party Leadership through the use of certain leading Communist Party personnel.

This informant indicated that it was difficult for him to work and plan ahead unless he was assured that he could proceed along a given line without the arrest of a person whom he was using, or without being deprived of the use of this person during the period in which this person is being used by the informant. He made the point that for him to advance to a position of importance in the Party, he wanted assurance that the Bureau realizes that certain influential people in the Communist Party leadership must be available for his use.

The informant in that connection advised that the following people in the National and District No. 8 leadership were individuals he is now using, or who, when available, the informant plans to use:

PHIL BART, Communist Party Midwest Underground Organizer. (The informant had contact with this individual on September 15-16, 1953 and expects a re-contact at any time. The Bureau has, at the request of this office, previously rescinded its instructions to arrest BART on sight.)

JACK KLING - Informant trained this individual, and recent information obtained by the informant indicates that KLING may succeed WILLIAM WEINER as Communist Party National Finance man.

WILLIAM SENNETT, District No. 8, Communist Party Open Organizer. (This individual is not on the Chicago Smith Act list. Informant is now in regular contact with him.)

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*me*  
*134-46-308*  
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All individuals convicted in the first National Smith Act trials who are now incarcerated, except JOHN GATES. (Some of these people, including EUGENE DENNIS, are due for release from jail in the near future, according to informant.)

MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communists, the latter of whom is a member of the District No. 2 Cadre Commission. (These people are among the informant's chief sources of information on the National and District No. 2 Communist Party Leadership. The Bureau has already acted to keep these contacts of the informant alive.)

The informant pointed out that he was not suggesting that re-arrest of any of the national top leadership of the Communist Party should not occur. He did, however, ask that the Bureau consider a plan whereby some of these people, particularly DENNIS, might be allowed to be available after their release from jail for a short time, so that the informant may be permitted to contact DENNIS to advance himself in Party leadership. DENNIS, according to the informant, is the leader of the group in national leadership with whom the informant was allied, and the informant believes that he, DENNIS, will be anxious to assign the informant to a key position. The informant added that he is making these suggestions because he believes that if they are adopted, it will aid the Bureau in reaching the objective of placing him close to the core of the Communist Party National Leadership; but of even more importance, because the informant believes this plan would provide the Bureau with top inter-Party information.

In connection with this matter, the informant was assured that every consideration would be given, consistent with Bureau policies and other information available concerning individual subjects, to assist the informant in any plan he has involving his use of Party leaders to advance himself to a top leadership position.

The informant next asked for renewed assurance that his identity was being adequately protected. He stated that he has been particularly alarmed because recently, from reading news reports, it appears to him that Bureau informants had been subpoenaed by a Congressional Committee, and these subpoenas raised the question in his mind of the possibility that Congressional Committees have access to information identifying Bureau informants.

I told the informant that the Bureau's policy is irrevocably

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based on keeping the identity of individuals such as the informant confidential, and that this applies to Congressional Committees as well.

The informant made the statement that he consistently feels he is under mental tension to make a large number of contacts in order that he might secure a given amount of information during a given period in exchange for a certain amount of money. In that connection he made it clear that money was not the reason he was assisting the Bureau in its fight against the Communist Party. He said that if such is the case it is not possible for a person in his position to operate in a manner that requires contact with regularity, because in the first instance, he would be violating the Party instructions concerning his seeing people, and secondly, sooner or later it would result in causing him to be suspect, and it might eventually expose him. He said that his contacts must be most select, and that there would be periods when he can only wait for contact and can do nothing to speed up the contacts. He asked for assurance that the Bureau understood this matter. He stated that time has never been of the essence in the Party, and the situation in the Party is not changed today. He asked that he be given assurance that it is understood that he cannot control when or by whom he is contacted.

The informant was told that the Bureau fully understands that when the Party orders a person such as he to limit his contacts, he must honor those instructions. He was told that the Bureau, in his case, is interested in quality rather than quantity of information on the Communist Party, its underground, its leadership, its policies, its program and tactics. He was advised that it was realized that the informant could not control or speed up contacts above and beyond the bounds set by the Party, and it was pointed out that if the Bureau instructed him to operate otherwise, he might soon become suspect.

In that connection the informant was told that to date the Bureau believes he has made real, tangible progress in reactivating himself, particularly when one considers that from 1947 to 1952 he had severed almost all contacts with the National Leadership of the Party.

With regard to the quality of information furnished to date, the informant was told that the Bureau regards it as excellent, but that, of course, the Bureau has hopes that as he progresses upward in the Party leadership, even better quality and quantity information will be obtained. The informant assured me in that connection that he will continue to devote his full time in the interests of the Bureau as originally agreed to, and will make all the contacts he can, consistent with security and Party instructions to him.

The informant next raised the point that he wants to be certain

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that the Bureau understands that in his opinion it is unimportant, and even to the Bureau's advantage, that he, the informant, has not been designated to go completely underground. He pointed out that in his present status of not being underground and not being in the open, it permits him far more latitude in contact work than he would be allowed if he were an underground leader with extremely limited contacts. He was told that the Bureau is in agreement with him on this matter, particularly because it is realized that his health might not permit him to work completely underground.

The informant also stated that he wanted the Bureau to understand why he was not made specific demands for a regular salary from the Party. He stated that the reason no such demands have been made by him is that most of the Party money today is being spent for the maintenance of the underground leadership and for the defense of the Party in Smith Act and deportation cases. The informant explained that he does not feel he should at the present make a request for wages, because, first of all, his wife is known by the Party to be working, and secondly, the Party has been told that the informant is working, when health permits, as a salesman for the firm of NY 694-S. The informant added that to date the Communist Party has seen fit to advance to him about \$1,000.00 by assisting him in making down-payments on two cars within a period of a year and a half. The informant was assured that if he felt it was inadvisable for him at this time to ask for a regular salary from the Party, the Bureau would go along with him on that matter.

The informant in further discussing his thoughts on an overall plan to advance himself to a top leadership position, next raised the question as to whether or not the Bureau was being selective in choosing subjects for Smith Act arrests. He said that he had noted in speaking with Communists that some of the people arrested in Smith Act cases were individuals who formerly, like informant, held Key Functionary Positions but who at the time of arrest held no Key positions and were in fact in about the same category of leadership as is the informant now. He said he raised the question because he was looking ahead to future Smith Act arrests and raised the question as to whether or not the Bureau was taking adequate precautions in selecting subjects so that not all individuals would be arrested who could be classified in informant's category because if such was the case, questions might be asked as to why informant was not among those arrested along with the others. The informant was told that the Bureau is selective on these matters, and such matters are given consideration where the security of the informant might possibly be involved.

The informant again told me that he wants assurance that it is clearly understood that his cooperation with the Bureau is not motivated by money. In that connection he stated that a large part of the money which he receives from the Bureau is being put "back into the business" by him in order to advance himself and to cement the friendship of

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individuals in the movement whom the informant is using. He stated that he spends large amounts of this money for Party literature and books, which the Party expects him to buy and to read. He is also now paying Party dues for both himself and his wife, and these dues from time to time are supplemented by demands of the Party in the form of assessments. The informant also stated that from time to time in order to advance himself and to cement his friendship with Party leaders, he must spend money for small gifts for Party leaders, their children and their wives, because he has always been known to do this in the past, and it would not be advisable for him at this time to change. He advised that only the day previous to my contact with him he had paid the Party \$25.00 in what he hopes is a settlement for back dues for CS [redacted] in order to bring her back into good standing in the Party. b7D

At the same time, the informant made it clear that he is not requesting more money, and that the reason he cited these specific instances mentioned above is to prove to the Bureau that his motivation is not money, and that to date the money furnished by the Bureau has gone for living expenses and necessary "business expenses."

The last point the informant raised was on what he termed to be an urgent need for the Bureau to re-consider and work out a plan that would permit the informant to show legitimate employment on a commission basis on the books of the firm of NY 694-S. The informant stated that he raised this matter again for two reasons; first, because the informant believes it is necessary to provide him with a fool-proof cover, and secondly, because the informant feels that such an arrangement would permit him to make more frequent trips to New York in the interests of the Bureau. This matter is being studied by this office, and a plan will be presented to the Bureau in a separate letter.

A review has recently been made of the quality and quantity of information furnished by this informant during the past year and a half. The information now fills four large volumes, and much of it has been determined to be of a current nature concerning individuals of the National Communist Party Office, and in Districts No. 2 and No. 8 of the Party offices in New York and Chicago. The informant has recently again solidified his contacts in the District No. 8 open leadership, and the identities of some of the individuals operating as underground personnel in this area have been obtained by the informant.

A further review of the information furnished by this informant reflects that he is particularly alert for situations that develop which might be utilized in connection with contacts of Communist leaders in the

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TOPIEV Program. In that connection, the informant in November of 1953, following his return from New York, advised that it might be possible to reach WILLIAM WEINER, National Communist Party Finance man, through the use of a brother-in-law. The informant, together with NY 694-S, made specific suggestions concerning the approach in the subject matter which might cause the son-in-law of WEINER to think. Recently this office was advised that the contact was made by Bureau Agents in New York of the son-in-law of WEINER, but to date it appears that the effect of the suggestion of the informant as to approach, etc., cannot be fully evaluated. The informant has also from time to time made suggestions concerning the Bureau program of advancement and development of security informants.

In addition, he periodically furnished theoretical information on the Communist Party Program, its strategy and tactics, and this information is furnished to New York and the Bureau, and it has been found that the informant in certain cases renders expert predictions as to Party tactics and strategy; sometimes far in advance of the actual happening of the Party changes of line.

A review of the informant's file reflects that from about June of 1952 to the present, a period of eighteen months, the informant has had approximately 185 individual contacts with fifty different individuals, most of whom were in either the National or District Communist Party Leadership, or slightly below that category. Most of these contacts were selected by the informant and seen on an individual basis, because the informant knew they were in a position to know the current activities of the Party, Party personnel in the open and in the underground, and Party strategy and tactics. The informant has purposely limited his contacts because of Party instructions and for security reasons to persons whom the Party permits him to see, and/or individuals with whom he has a close personal relationship.

The file reflects the following to be among the list of contacts the informant has been able to make within the past eighteen-month period:

PHIL BART, Communist Party Midwest Underground Organizer. (The informant saw this individual on September 15-16, 1953 for twenty hours, and a re-contact with him is expected at any time.)

WILLIAM WEINER, National Communist Party Finance man, who is now ill with cancer. (Informant has seen this man eighteen times and has been in contact with him regularly by letter during most of the above period. WEINER is considered by the informant to be his chief backer in reactivation

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efforts.)

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party. (Informant has seen FOSTER on three occasions.)

BETTY GANNETT, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party. (Informant has seen her on five occasions, and believes she is presently backing him to obtain a key leadership position.)

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, District No. 2 Cultural Organizer, who is underground part of the time. (Informant has seen this person on five occasions during his visits to New York.)

MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communists, the latter being a member of the District No. 2 Cadre Commission. (Informant has seen these individuals at least nine times. He is in regular correspondence with them twice a week, and considers them to be among his chief sources of information concerning the National Communist Party activities, and District No. 2 activities.)

WILLIAM SENNETT, present District No. 8, Communist Party Open Organizer. (This source is seen at least once a month, and each contact with this person appears to solidify the confidence of SENNETT in the informant more and more.)

LEON KATZEN, District No. 8 Underground Financial Secretary. (This individual has been seen on four occasions.)

CHARLES MITCHELL, District No. 8 Trade Union Leader, assigned to the underground in June of 1953. (This individual is currently operating, but is available for contact, and the informant has seen him eighteen times.)

PHIL KOSOFF, District No. 8 Professional Organizer. (Seen on five occasions.)

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DAVID ENGLESTEIN, former District No. 8 Open Organizer, now underground for the second time. (This individual has been seen three times prior to his going underground for the second time.)

HERB MARCH, former Communist Party National Committee member, presently Organizer of Local #347, UFWA-CIO. (Seen two times within the last month.)

OTTO WANGERIN, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, charter member of the Communist Party, and close friend of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. (Seen on three occasions.)

In addition to the above, a compilation has been made as to the number of individuals this informant has, or is, furnishing current information on. It reflects that to date information of both a current and background nature has been furnished by this informant on more than five hundred individuals in the Communist movement, who were principally key individuals in leadership, in the Communist Party underground apparatus, who operated as Comintern Agents, who attended the Lenin School, etc. The informant knows hundreds of additional individuals in the movement, and as time permits, this information is being compiled.

The same compilation reflects that the informant, in addition to furnishing information on individuals, furnishes high-level, current information of quality concerning every phase of Communist activity and tactics, including the following: Communist Party - USA - Organization; Communist Party - Underground Activities; Communist Party - Strategy in Industry; Communist Party - Factionalism; Communist Party - Political Activities, etc. Best evidence of the quality of the information furnished by the informant is shown by the use of this information in the reports of the Communist Party - USA, submitted by the New York Office, and in the District No. 8, Communist Party reports, as well as the use of the information which is incorporated in individual case file reports.

It is noted that to date the informant has averaged approximately ten and five-tenths individual contacts with key Party people in the main per month. In addition, he has certain New York contacts with whom he is in touch by mail, and receives from two to four letters a week from these sources together with literature. These sources furnish current information concerning the Communist Party and individuals operating within it at the present time.

The sincerity of the informant's statement of his desire to



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reach the top leadership in the Party for the Bureau is apparent from conversing with him. It is also obvious from conversing with the informant that he has the background and the necessary connections in the Communist Party movement to increase his value to the Bureau. Because of the instructions he has received from the Party, and in order not to jeopardize his security, he was told that his present modus operandi is satisfactory to the Bureau. He has assured me that he will continue to operate in the sole interests of the Bureau, and will continue to endeavor to expand his operations wherever and whenever possible, in order to be of maximum assistance to the Bureau.

On the basis of information furnished to date, and the potential of this informant evaluated from the information he has furnished to date, it appears that this informant, barring unforeseen circumstances or ill health, may develop into one of the top informants of the Bureau.

On the matter of assurance to the informant that it was understood by the Bureau that the informant could not guarantee so many contacts per week or month, or a stipulated amount of information during a given period for so much money, assurance was given to him of the Bureau's desire to continue to operate him on a full-time, long-range basis. These assurances were given because it is believed to be in the Bureau's long-range interest in not making demands which the informant feels would be short-range in objective and would sooner or later possibly expose him.

Another reason for assuring the informant along these lines is because it is felt that the informant, on the basis of his experience of thirty years in the movement, knows what he can do to get to top leadership and has demonstrated his ability to do so, and it would not be to the Bureau's interest to make suggestions that would be against the sound judgment of this informant.

For these reasons, this office will continue to handle the informant in the manner above outlined, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, or unless in the judgment of this office it is necessary to adopt other methods. The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments.

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TO : SAC, [redacted]

DATE: 12-16-53

FROM : SA C. W. Grayman

SUBJECT: [redacted]

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 12-16-53 Personal &amp; C.

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED

100-24536 [redacted]

100- Harry Miller.

100- Joe Starobin

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ✓

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Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

100- Harry Miller  
100- Joe Starobin

Miller will be in NY 1 day

Joe Starobin called 895824.  
& said he believed he would  
be unable to see 5824. too  
busy & had to go to Washington

## PERSONAL DATA:

✓ 100-134-46

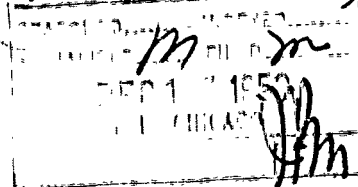
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (134-46)

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: 12-18-53

On 12-17-53 the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered and expenses incurred during the period 12-1-thru 12-15-53 at the Chatham hotel and the receipt obtained was turned into the Secy of the ASAC.

*with 7-28-57 67102.*

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*Prs*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
NY, 12/16/53

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: CHICAGO

WILLIAM WIENER; IS-C. NY 694-S DESIRES CG 5824-S BE INFORMED

HE SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH WIENER ON 12/12/53 AND DELIVERED  
CG 5824-S GREETINGS TO WIENER. LATTER'S CONDITION REMAINS SAME.  
PAIN SOMEWHAT ALLEVIATED BY SPINAL INJECTIONS. SUBJECT WAS  
MOST CORDIAL TO NY 694-S, EXPRESSED REGRET THAT HE, WIENER,  
WAS SO SICK DURING CG 5824-S VISIT TO NY, AND REQUESTED THAT  
HEREAFTER NY 694-S DELIVER TO HIM PERSONALLY LETTERS FROM  
CG 5824-S.

BOARDMAN

2-CHICAGO (134-46) (REGULAR MAIL)  
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ACB:DMD (#7)  
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Approved: *LVB*  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, 134-46

FROM : SA C. N. Jeyman

SUBJECT: *CP 5824-S*

DATE: 12-18-53

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 12-17/53

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED

100- [redacted]  
 100- [redacted]  
 100- Wm Weiner  
 134- 694-S  
 100- Dr. Paul Pearson  
 100- Bernie Feldman

100- Marcel Scherer  
 100- Lena Scherer  
 100- 21222 (CP - Undergrand)  
 100- Sophie Feldman  
 100- Sam Katzew  
 100- Frank Mucci  
 100- Joe Slavovick  
 65-3888 (Sash)  
~~65-4644-S~~  
 100- 28379 (Holden)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ☒Positive: ☒

100- 28510 -

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100- 2398 - CPUSA

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for all of above

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TO : SAC *A134-46*DATE: *12-21-53*FROM : SA ~~*C95824*~~ *SA. C. N. Freyman*SUBJECT: *C95824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100 - Harry Miller*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: *✓*

*C95824-S advised that [redacted] had lunch with H. Miller this date. Miller saw William Weiner while in NY over the weekend and is returning to NY this weekend. Bro. 5824-S a note from Weiner's daughter.*

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TO : SAC, 124-46

DATE: 12/21/53

FROM : SA *CN Feynman*SUBJECT: *C95824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: *12/21/53 by phone*

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100-23457 (HARRY Bridges)  
100 - Milt Cohen*

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓

- ① *Bridges is staying during holidays at  
Residence of Reva Weinsten.*
- ② *Cohen. at 5824-S Re. all of 12/20/53  
Info. to be obtained in Per. Et with  
C95824-S on 12/22/53  
to be disseminated to  
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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 12/22/53

FROM : SA S. N. Freyman



SUBJECT: 095824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_


DATES OF CONTACT: 12/22/53 Personal.

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100- Melt Cohen.

100- Roy Tillman  
Herb Mach100-28430  
Helen Kay  
Harry Miller  
William Weiner  
Gene Scherer  
Howard Boldtb6  
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PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ☒Positive: ☒100-22817 Positive on all above  
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Re Chicago letter, December 4, 1953, same caption, summarizing the informant's activities through November 26, 1953. The following summary covers the period of November 27, 1953 through December 11, 1953.

On November 28, 1953, the informant had approximately a four hour personal conversation with HERB MARCH, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and presently an organizer for Local 347 of UPWA-CIO in Chicago. This was the second meeting between these individuals during the last ten days and was arranged at MARCH's request.

The reason for the request of MARCH was explained by him to the informant as being that MARCH sought the informant's advice as to what steps he might or should take with regard to clarifying his present Party status and particularly with regard to assuming new responsibilities with the "left wing" trade union publication "March of Labor". It will be recalled that MARCH had previously told the informant that he has had charges of white chauvinism preferred against him and that these charges have been held over his head for the past eight months without his being permitted to talk to anyone with authority in the Party underground leadership.

The informant, in discussing what MARCH should do, was primarily motivated in his remarks in keeping MARCH in Chicago because the informant felt that continued indecision by the Party might be of interest to or even aid the Bureau. He therefore told MARCH that he, MARCH, could not leave Chicago so long as he had a cloud over his Party record and that therefore MARCH must remain in Chicago until his position is clarified through Party channels.

MARCH told the informant that he had been in a constant fight with the district leadership for the past four years and that at present he is "on the bottom of the pile." He told the informant what the fight between him and the Party leadership was about and stated that it was on a question of Party policy and tactics within UPWA-CIO. He furnished the details of this fight which are not being incorporated in this

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progress letter. MARCH told the informant that RALPH HELSTEIN, President of UPWA-CIO whom informant had several contacts with in 1945 and 1946 to get him into the Party, had finally gone into the Party after the informant's departure for New York, but remained only a few months in the Party organization proper since he had signed under pressure.

MARCH next told the informant that the Party has managed to keep its influence in the leadership of UPWA-CIO through "RED" PROSTEN, who "cuddles up to HELSTEIN and influences HELSTEIN." He then told the informant that charges against him had been preferred by CHARLEY HAYES, leading Negro comrade in packing who charged that he, MARCH, had given the wife of HAYES a "disrespectful hello." MARCH told the informant that he had gone to New York to see WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, PETTIS PERRY, and BETTY GANNETT to get them to settle the whole matter and to explain his side of the story.

MARCH, continuing on the Party structure in packing, told the informant that the present packinghouse organizer is RAY TILLMAN. This individual is known to this office to have been underground for a number of years and is a Smith Act subject. The other leaders are SAM PARKS, and the Party has also moved into the UPWA offices such individuals as OSCAR BROWN, JR., HAZEL GRAY, and other similar people. MARCH also told the informant that the packing section of the Party is completely dominated by Negro leadership and told the informant about certain factionalism that exists in the packinghouse section between the whites and Negroes.

MARCH next discussed the District No. 8, Communist Party leadership and registered complaints concerning CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District No. 8 Underground Organizer, whom he stated has taken the position that every district must have a strong leader and that he must operate District No. 8 in this manner. He described LIGHTFOOT as an opportunist and demagogue and detailed complaints to the informant concerning the failure of LIGHTFOOT to consent to meeting with MARCH to settle the charges of the Party against MARCH.

MARCH next told the informant that at a meeting of Party trade union leaders in Chicago in November, 1953, the district trade union committee had asked for the services of MARCH as the Chicago editor of "March of Labor" and also if necessary to move MARCH to New York to work on the staff of "March of Labor." MARCH told the informant that the District Board had recently met and had refused to release him for these duties. One of the reasons given by the District Board

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for failure to release him was the fact that the district leadership expected Smith Act arrests at any time and that they knew MARCH would be among those arrested. The explanation was given that if arrests occurred they needed such a mass leader in trade union work such as MARCH as a part of their defense during the trial in order to get mass trade union support.

On November 30, 1953, the informant furnished the district organizational structure of the Party as obtained from WILLIAM SENNETT on November 19, 1953, at a meeting between them. The informant learned that District No. 8 is now composed of 15 divisions and 5 regions. Each region has 3 divisions. SENNETT told the informant that what was formerly known as a section is now referred to as a division.

A letter received on November 29, 1953, from IENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communist and member of the District No. 2 cadre commission, advised the informant that SCHERER and her husband had been visited by SAM COLEMAN. This individual is identical with the individual who was arrested with ROBERT L. THOMPSON and SID STEIN on the West Coast. SCHERER commented sarcastically that COLEMAN, in discussing the status of the Party, indicated that he felt that everything was moving along nicely but she stated that both she and her husband had properly refrained from discussing his "mountain climbing" episode with COLEMAN. SCHERER sarcastically remarked to the informant in referring to COLEMAN's optimism concerning the status of the Party, "What can one do with such people in leadership?"

The letter also told the informant that LEON JOSEPHSON is teaching a class in "Soviet Law" at the Jefferson School and certain Party people had raised questions and viciously spoken about the attitude of VITO MARCANTONIO. JOSEPHSON defended MARCANTONIO and according to SCHERER, expects Party criticism for so doing.

On December 2, 1953, the informant had personal contacts with Dr. SAUL PEARLMAN, Communist Party doctor in the Chicago area. PEARLMAN told the informant that he is thinking of giving up his southside offices and of concentrating on his downtown office. The informant, in commenting on these remarks, has advised that PEARLMAN is having difficulty with Negro

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clients sent to him by the Party and is troubled relative to the possibility that this will interfere with his professional reputation and is thinking seriously about the Party himself. This matter is being closely followed by this office and at an appropriate time an interview with PEARLMAN is contemplated.

Continuing with the discussion had with PEARLMAN, the informant advised that the discussion passed on to the operation of the Party and particularly to certain individuals in the Party underground, including BERNIE and SOPHIE FELDMAN, in-laws of Dr. PEARLMAN.

PEARLMAN, according to the informant, appeared to be troubled concerning these individuals and made the remark that no one on his wife's side of the family knows where the FELDMANS are or what tasks they are assigned to.

The informant also mentioned that PEARLMAN indirectly referred to the fact that he continues to see LEON KATZEN, Communist Party District No. 8 Underground Financial Secretary, and talks to him from time to time.

PEARLMAN, like many other comrades in the district who have been in the movement for many years, according to the informant, is troubled and seeks the advice of the informant. In connection with the above described conversation, the informant told PEARLMAN to charge fees to the Negro clients because the Negro clients do not turn over the money that they supposedly are to turn over when PEARLMAN renders them free professional service. The informant explained that Party rules on Party doctors permit the doctors to accept fees from clients referred to them by the Party and/or to give gratis treatment to comrades provided they agree to turn over the stipulated service charge to the Party.

A letter from LENA SCHERER, above described, dated December 2, 1953, advised that she is now employed in a print shop for the holiday period and perhaps for a short period thereafter. She told the informant that LEON JOSEPHSON is having trouble with the movie partnership which CARL MARZANI and JOSEPHSON's wife, LUCY, had wherein LUCY JOSEPHSON had put in several thousand dollars. She told the informant that

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LUCY JOSEPHSON had been pushed out of the partnership and lost her money after knowing MARZANI and his partner for at least twenty years. SCHERER told the informant that she has not yet seen WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Communist Party District No. 2 Cultural Director who is underground from time to time, and the informant advised that SCHERER, one of LAWRENCE's closest friends, has not seen LAWRENCE for approximately three months.

Another letter from the same person of December 6, 1953, told the informant that "our big chiefs," (meaning WILLIAM Z. FOSTER or the District No. 2 leaders, according to the informant) sent a trade union delegation to VITO MARCANTONIO which urged him to take the leadership back in the American Labor Party. MARCANTONIO reportedly gave them "H---" and told them he does not play around with organizations.

SCHERER told the informant that two State Committee meetings of the ALP had been held of recent date, but the committee had reached no conclusions as to who would be appointed to succeed MARCANTONIO. She told the informant that Dr. W. E. B. DUBOIS, CORLAS LAMONT, and Dr. PAOLONE, and other important people have resigned from the ALP. She stated that what is left in the ALP are the "little apparatus people."

On December 3, 1953, [redacted] the informant's [redacted] at the informant's request, visited the Modern Book Store, Communist Party outlet for literature in the Chicago area. The informant learned that MOE TEITEL, a long time Party member and mass organization leader in the Chicago area, is now working with WILLIAM SENNETT, Communist Party Open Organizer, in the offices of the Modern Book Store. [redacted] in attempting to speak to SENNETT, who was out, was told that anything she wanted to leave for SENNETT should be left with TEITEL. It will be recalled that the informant, in conversations with WILLIAM SENNETT on November 19, 1953, was told by SENNETT that at a Communist Party open leaders conference held on November 12, 1953, in New York, it was decided that each district would assign one person full time to work and be responsible for "Daily Worker" subscriptions and fund drives. It appears that TEITEL is the individual in charge of this work. b7D

On December 7, 1953, the informant drafted a note which he sent through the hands of NY 694-S to be delivered to WILLIAM WEINER, above described. The note was necessarily brief due to

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WEINER's physical condition, but the informant made a brief statement concerning his discontent relative to continued isolation from the everyday activities of the Party.

On December 8, 1953, [ ] was in contact by phone with SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, National Communist Party Underground leader, who told the informant that she had lost her job. Arrangements were made for these individuals to have lunch on December 9, 1953. On that date KLING told this informant that she had a new job in the Chicago loop and she did not indicate that she attributed her loss of her previous job to the FBI. KLING told this informant that she would see CG 5824-S in the near future.

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On December 8, 1953, the informant had personal contact with CHARLES MITCHELL, Communist Party Trade Union leader in the Chicago area, who in June, 1953, had told the informant that he had been assigned to underground work. This contact lasted for approximately four and a half hours, during which MITCHELL told the informant that he had just been released from his underground assignment which was in charge of security work in District No. 8.

MITCHELL told the informant that his release had occurred because of a reorganization of the District leadership which had been decided upon at a meeting of the District No. 8 Board, recently held wherein after an analysis of the international and national political situation, and of the defects in the present Party organization, it was decided to provide for the rank and file and mass organization leaders of the Party open leadership who could act with authority. As a result of this decision, according to MITCHELL, he, MITCHELL, was told by ED STARR, a member of the Board, that full time services of a security man were no longer needed and that he would be released. This release, according to MITCHELL, occurred after he and STARR had a fight wherein MITCHELL was charged with carelessness and ignorance during a Board meeting in which it was at first felt MITCHELL had led the District Board into a trap. The informant, in commenting on the above, described MITCHELL as "naive" in believing that his release was for the reasons stated by STARR and the informant commented that the real reason why MITCHELL was released from this key apparatus job was possibly due to incompetence.

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MITCHELL told the informant during the course of this conversation that the following individuals were members of the District Board at the present time:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, who was also described as CP District No. 8 Organizer.

ED STARR

ALFRED WAGENKNECHT

DAVE ENGELSTEIN

One "JERRY" (believed by informant in this office to be possibly GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT, Dr. JEREMIAH STAMMLER, "BOBBY" HALL, or GERALD (JERRY) FIELDE of the Farm Equipment Workers Union)

MITCHELL, in discussing his duties as security man for the District, told the informant that among his duties were the protection of the District Board members in that he located hiding places for them, the obtaining of meeting places for the District Board, and the handling of certain "reserve" funds of the Party. In connection with the location of meeting places, MITCHELL described how he operated and indicated that one recent District Board meeting was held approximately 120 miles from Chicago in a motel and another was held in a farmhouse 90 to 100 miles from Chicago.

In further discussions with MITCHELL on certain political matters, including dissatisfaction among the farmers with the present Party policy of the administration, MITCHELL made the remark, "I know that the farmers in Southern Michigan are discontented." The informant interpreted this remark to mean that MITCHELL has recently been in Southern Michigan since he knows nothing about farmers and the informant is of the opinion that the locus of the District Board meeting places, above described, may be in Southern Michigan for that reason.

In connection with the authenticity of the above described, particularly in reference to the maintenance of MITCHELL of Party "reserve" funds, investigation by this office has reflected that MITCHELL has a bank account with two deposits made within recent months totaling over \$5,000. In further

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checking on the veracity of the information furnished by the informant, independent investigation by this office during the past few months has reflected that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District No. 8 Underground Organizer, may be in the vicinity of Benton Harbor, Michigan, from time to time. It will be noted that Benton Harbor, Michigan, is located approximately 120 miles from Chicago.

MITCHELL, in connection with his discussions on the composition of the District Board, indicated that there is considerable factionalism among members of the Board. In that connection he described CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as a "loud-mouth" who shouts at people as if he is a general. He also told the informant that some members of the District Board are making efforts to remove WAGENKNECHT from his present underground assignment to open leadership to another district.

MITCHELL also told the informant that neither LEON KATZEN nor SAM KUSHNER are members of the District Board at the present time.

MITCHELL additionally told the informant that the District Board does not meet often and that generally there are intervals of from six weeks to two months between meetings because the members are scattered. He however stated that individual Board members get together from time to time to see each other.

MITCHELL also told the informant that at the District Board meeting called to decide on reorganization of the leadership, a debate was held as to who would be the open district organizer with authority. Two individuals were discussed, these being ED STARR, who has been underground for a number of years and was formerly the open organization secretary of the Party in the District, and BILL SENNETT. The final decision was made to keep STARR underground in the reserve leadership and to give SENNETT the open district organizers job and authority to make Party decisions without contacting the underground leadership. SENNETT is also to be given more people to work with him and these people also are to have some authority.



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The reason for giving these individuals authority is to obviate the necessity of frequent contacts by many people with the real Party underground leadership, thus insuring more adequate security for the underground leadership. It was also decided that WAGENKNECHT and the other District Board members will also remain underground.

In addition to the above, MITCHELL also described the Party situation in the packing industry and mentioned that there is certain factionalism among the comrades in packing as a result of certain decisions made by RAY TILLMAN, Party packing organizer. MITCHELL also described his plans for the future and his Party work. In addition, MITCHELL advised the informant that the District Board meeting had made a decision to create a sub committee of the District to work on Party activities in connection with the 1954 congressional elections. The individuals identified by MITCHELL as forming this committee are as follows:

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KENNETH BROWN, FE organizer who is to work on this task as his full time Party task while at the same time retaining his union organizing job.

ERNIE DE MAIO, UE District leader in Chicago and one of the top trade union Communists in the Chicago area.

SIDNEY ORDOWER, Communist formerly active in many Party mass organization leadership capacities.

In addition to the above, the informant obtained information from MITCHELL which indicates that the Party leadership in this district and in other districts has reached the conclusion that the political climate in the United States as a result of certain notes between the Government and the USSR, President EISENHOWER's speech before the UN and other similar circumstances is right for additional open Party activities. A separate letter is being directed to the Bureau and New York under the caption of "COMPROS", outlining the informant's information

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and his opinions which in effect state that if the Government defers activity of a prosecutive nature or which might be described as added evidence that the Government has further intentions of prosecution of Communist leaders, the Communist Party leadership will send Party leaders now in the underground out in order to increase its Party activity. The general idea that the informant desires to convey is that the Bureau may desire to consider the advisability of letting the Party feel secure to operate openly for the next few months in order that a net may be spread to arrest real leadership of the Party of a quality similar to the arrests of leadership that occurred in the Party in 1948.

On December 9, 1953, the informant additionally advised that he has learned from MITCHELL that ROMANIA FERGUSON, former wife of RAY HANSBOROUGH, National Negro Communist leader, now deceased, within the next two weeks is traveling with her husband to the Virgin Islands. This information was furnished to New York by airtel.

In addition to the above referred to contacts and information, the informant continues to furnish background information concerning the identity and activities of leading Communists throughout the country.

On December 9, 1953, the informant called attention to the present situation of the Italian Communist Party and to its program, which information is being incorporated in a blind memorandum to the Bureau. It is believed this information and the informant's opinions will be of value to both the State Department and other intelligence agencies of the armed services.

#### EVALUATION AND FUTURE PLANS

The informant still expects his contact with PHIL BART, previously described. He is both aggravated and discontented with the failure of the Party underground leadership to follow through on its commitments and has registered his dissatisfaction with his present status in a letter to WILLIAM WEINER.

At such time as the death of WILLIAM WEINER occurs, the informant will use that opportunity, if Bureau authority is obtained, to go to New York and further register his complaints in an attempt to effect a contact with BART so that his specific assignment and tasks can be settled.

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The informant has scheduled additional contacts with CHARLEY MITCHELL and with WILLIAM SENNETT within the next week. In addition, the informant expects a number of contacts with individuals during the coming holidays.

The informant, through contacts with the SCHERERS in New York, has made arrangements for JOE STAROBIN, former "Daily Worker" correspondent in Europe, to see the informant during STAROBIN's speaking engagement trip to Chicago from December 14-16, 1953.

On December 1, 1953, the SAC met with the informant for a review of his work and for a discussion concerning his future work. A separate communication has been directed to the Bureau on this matter under the caption of CG 5824-S.

The informant's health has deteriorated slightly during the past few weeks due possibly to the changes of weather which has an effect on his heart condition. He however has cancelled no appointments either with the Agents handling him or with Party people desiring to see him.

The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments.

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Re Chicago letter, November 23, 1953, same caption, summarizing the results of the informant's visit to New York from October 30 to November 7, 1953, and particularly to the information set out in referenced letter to the fact that WILLIAM WEINER, Communist Party National Finance man, is ill with cancer and that this individual during the past one and a half years, has been the informant's most influential contact with the National Office of the Communist Party.

On December 9, 1953, the matter of whether or not the informant, who has been among WEINER's closest friends for approximately thirty years, would be expected to attend the funeral of WEINER was discussed with the informant. The informant advised that while he was in New York in November, 1953, he had told WEINER's wife and son-in-law, MILTON HELLER, who lives in the WEINER home, that he wanted to be kept advised of WEINER's condition and that if he could be of help to the family, this fact should be communicated to him. The informant said that he believes he will be called in by the family at WEINER's death and that it would be in the interest of the Bureau for him to go to New York at that time.

The informant said that he believes he would be asked by the family to be with the family during the mourning period, in which case he would have close personal talks with Mrs. WEINER, MILTON HELLER, and other individuals close to WEINER, including LEM HARRIS and ISADOR WOFSEY. Informant believes that he can possibly learn much in the way of information as to what WEINER did in the way of turning over Communist Party national fund information and information concerning Party businesses just prior to his, WEINER's, death and in addition, can learn the identity of the individuals who will succeed WEINER in Communist Party fund work. In addition to this, the informant also feels that the funeral reason would furnish him adequate cover for such a trip and that he could explain finances as emanating from NY 694-S.

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The informant's real reason for such a trip, of course, would be again to see BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, and others because he now feels he has built up a case of "complaint" against PHIL BART, Communist Party Midwest Underground Organizer, since he, BART, has not contacted the informant since September 15-16, 1953, despite the assurance of both BART and BETTY GANNETT that such contact would take place. The informant's chief complaint to GANNETT will be that he cannot be in the "active" leadership of the Party unless he has some means of communication with Party leadership and that this was the understanding he had reached with BART during their meeting. It will be recalled that GANNETT, in November, 1953, told the informant that BART was then in the midwest and that she would see to it that informant was seen by BART.

The informant, in addition to attempting to place himself in a more active leadership role through the contacts he expects to make during his New York trip, believes that it is possible that he may be able to arrange an underground contact in New York if key underground leaders are in or around New York at that time. In this event he feels he can get matters discussed and settled relative to his active participation in leadership and will make efforts at the same time to clarify the exact role he will play.

The Bureau is therefore requested to authorize a trip by this informant to New York at such time as the WEINER family may call upon the informant to go to New York and/or to attend the funeral of WEINER. This request is being made at this time because WEINER's death is reportedly imminent and because it is realized that such clearance takes time. In order to allow the informant adequate time to both attend the funeral and to make his contact, it is believed that he should spend at least seven days in New York.

The informant, during trips of similar duration to New York, has expended approximately \$320 for each trip. Said expenditures including round-trip plane fares, transportation within the metropolitan area, and miscellaneous costs incurred after arrival in New York, hotel accommodations, and meal expenses.

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The round-trip plane fare to New York is \$98.73. The informant would stay at the residence of NY 694-S instead of at a hotel, and therefore it is believed that his total expenses for the trip would be somewhat less than the expenses incurred during former trips.

Authority is therefore requested of the Bureau to advance the informant the sum of \$250 for actual expenses incurred in connection with the trip, said trip to be made at such time as the WEINER family may call the informant in and/or to attend the funeral of WILLIAM WEINER.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 12/28/53

FROM : SA O. J. Freyman

SUBJECT: C 5824-S

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DATES OF CONTACT: 12/28/53 Personal

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - Harry Miller  
 100 - Harry Bridges  
 100 - Max Weinstein  
 100 - 19431 (CP Strategy in Industry)  
 100 - [redacted]

100 - Frank Mucci  
 100 - Lois Mucci  
 100 - Joe Kling

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ☒Positive: ☒

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 [redacted]  
 Unknown  
 Female  
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on all above -  
 Results of personal Cts  
 with Miller, Bridges, Weinstein  
 & wife, Frank & Lois Mucci to be disseminated  
 to subj. file & appropriate  
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TO : SAC (134-46)

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: December 29, 1953

On 12/22/53, CG 5824-S displayed a note from [redacted] of WILLIAM WEINER which was received by informant on 12/21/53 when [redacted] had contact with HARRY MILLER following MILLER's return from New York where he saw the WEINER family.

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The note was a personal one about the health of WILLIAM WEINER. It stated that he was in extreme pain, and that he was growing weaker by the hour.

He gave MILLER an oral message for CG 5824-S to have him keep writing as often as possible.

MILLER will see CG 5824-S on December 24, 1953, and informant will see PHIL KOSSOFF and PETER ALLEN LEVINE on January 2, next.

No communication on this is being sent to New York as NY 694-S has now established contact with WEINER directly.

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For the information of Philadelphia, CG-5824-S was developed under the Toplev Program and is presently attempting to place himself in the national leadership of the Communist Party. The informant had contact with PAUL BART, CG 41 West Underground leader, in September, 1953, and at that time was told by BART that he, BART, would see the informant again in about a month. BETTY GANNETT of the National Office of the Party told the informant in late November, 1953, that BART was then in the Midwest and that she would contact BART with instructions to see the informant.

To date the informant has not been recontacted by BART and the informant is contemplating additional steps to place him in contact with either BART or another representative of the Party underground in equivalent position to BART's position. In order that this office will be fully informed of the present status and whereabouts of BART before the informant is permitted to take such steps, Philadelphia is requested to advise as expeditiously as possible concerning the latest available information on the whereabouts of BART, his position in the underground, and particularly the status of BART's case in the Pennsylvania State Court.

It will be recalled in this connection that BART, on Party instructions, at one time told the informant that he was awaiting the State Appellate Court Decision and if adverse had orders to surrender. The informant was later told by BETTY GANNETT that the Party was seriously considering in trusting BART not to appear if the Appellate Court Decision was adverse to him.

Information as to the present status of BART's State Court case and as to when an appellate decision might be expected will be valuable in planning a course of action for this informant in reference to BART. The informant has pointed out that there is a possibility that one of the reasons why BART may not have recontacted him to date could be that he is awaiting this decision and his formal assignment is now in the hands of other people.

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2 - New York (1, 134-5824-S 1, 13-71 NY-694-S) (REGISTERED)

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For the information of the Bureau and New York, this informant also desires to recontact H TTY GANNETT either personally or by letter depending on circumstances and information concerning the availability of GANNETT and her known access to the Party underground. The time of this contact is considered important by the informant and New York is requested to advise if it has information that might indicate when an appellate court decision might be reached in her case and whether or not INS expects to take any action in the near future against her which might remove her from contact by the informant. It would also be helpful in making a decision as to a course of action, if New York is in a position to state whether or not GANNETT is in more or less regular contact with the underground Party leadership.

New York is also requested to contact NY-694-S to determine whether or not it will be possible for him to set up an adequate cover for CG-5821-S to come to New York within the next month if it is finally decided that personal contact with GANNETT is necessary. CG-5821-S advised on December 27, 1953, that he feels NY-694-S can set up such a cover by building it around WILLIAM WEINER. The informant suggested that NY-694-S now that he is in regular contact with WEINER might indicate to WEINER or his wife, ESTHER, that CG-5821-S is "driving him nuts" to come to New York to speak to WEINER and that NY-694-S does not know how long he can hold the Chicago informant off. NY-694-S might indicate to WEINER's wife that if he thought it would do WEINER some good, he would find some excuse to call CG-5821-S into New York in order to pacify him. Comments of the New York informant on such a cover are therefore solicited. *counsel*

For the information of the Bureau, CG-5821-S saw HARRY MILLER, operator of a Chicago Party business, who formerly acted as a carrier for him between Chicago and New York, on December 21, 1953, for the first time in approximately six months. The informant sent a written note to WEINER via MILLER who departed from Chicago on December 27, 1953. The informant also sent an oral message to WEINER through MILLER wherein he told WEINER that he had seen no one and that so far as the local leadership of the Party is concerned "it can drop dead". The informant, by so doing, was laying the basis for specific charges against District Number Eight leadership which he is seriously considering raising.

In that connection, the informant has advised that some of the moves he contemplated might reflect on the present leadership of District Number Eight since the informant has accumulated considerable information which indicates widespread dissatisfaction among comrades with the leadership of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. It is charges such as these that the informant would present to GANNETT in an effort to prove that the District Number Eight leadership of LIGHTFOOT is not "collective leadership" such as the CP-SU is now asking for. As of this date, informant feels that if he

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chooses this course of action, he should do it in person in order that he can personally defend against any possible charges of factionalism that may be brought against him.

Specific authority of the Bureau will be asked at such time as the requested information is received and only after full consideration is given to all ramifications involved.

New York and Philadelphia are requested to expedite replies in this matter.

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Director, FBI (61-7665)

December 31, 1953

SAC, Chicago (134-46)

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CG-5824-S

Re Chicago letter of December 22, 1953, summarizing the informant's activities through December 11, 1953.

The following summary covers the period December 12 through December 26:

The informant from December 12 to December 20, 1953, was ill at his home, being confined with his chronic ailment, complicated and aggravated by a bad cold. The informant, however, spent this time in writing his comrades in New York, in preparing holiday gifts for the children of influential comrade friends, and in reading the numerous Party national and international publications which he receives regularly. [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] on he interprets for the information of the Bureau. [redacted]  
[redacted] in the meantime continued to make contacts for the informant with local individuals.

It will be recalled that in referenced Chicago letter, it was indicated that arrangements had been made for the informant to meet JOE STAROBIN, former "Daily Worker" correspondent in Europe, during STAROBIN's speaking engagement in Chicago, December 14 to 16, 1953. These arrangements had been made by the informant through MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communists and close friends of STAROBIN. The informant was telephonically contacted by STAROBIN on December 16, 1953, at which time STAROBIN during a friendly talk with the informant stated that he believed he would be unable to see the informant due to the fact that he had an extremely heavy speaking schedule. STAROBIN told the informant that he was proceeding to Madison, Wisconsin, on December 17, 1953, for an unscheduled speaking engagement and that he hoped he would be able to see the informant after he returned to Chicago from Madison. STAROBIN, however, did not recontact the informant as he indicated he would, and therefore, for that reason, the informant had no personal contact with this individual during his stay in Chicago.

On December 16, 1953, [redacted] at the informant's request, had a luncheon date with HARRY MILLER, previously described. MILLER told [redacted] that he had been in New York during the past week and was departing for New York on December 20, next, and would be glad to carry any messages from CG-5824-S to the people in New York. He

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told [ ] to tell CG-5824-S that he would see WILLIAM WEINER and other people while in New York. The above information was submitted to New York by Airtel, b7D

On the same date, CG-5824-S was advised by letter from NY-694-S that he at last had succeeded in making a personal contact with WILLIAM WEINER, with whom he was closely associated in national Party work for many years, and had spent a day at the WEINER residence. NY-694-S told the informant that WEINER had been extremely friendly to him and had told him that he had just one request to relay to CG-5824-S, that being that he should have patience and should keep writing to WEINER. Arrangements were made by NY-694-S for him to receive all letters from CG-5824-S for WEINER in order that there would be no delays.

On December 16, 1953, the informant saw Dr. SAUL PEARLMAN, Party doctor in Chicago, and had a lengthy personal discussion with him. The informant had previously advised that PEARLMAN has given certain indications that he might be breaking with the Party ideologically and that the discussion the informant had with PEARLMAN on that date was intended to cause PEARLMAN to do added thinking on this matter without in any way jeopardizing the security of the informant. During the discussion, PEARLMAN again told the informant that he sees LEON KATZEN, District Number Eight underground Financial Secretary, from time to time. He also told the informant that FRANK MUCCI, former District Number Eight underground leader who is now seriously ill, was still in the hospital and that his condition is considered serious.

On December 20, 1953, the informant had personal contact with MILTON COHEN, a former leading Hyde Park Communist and presently believed by the informant to be assigned to confidential work with the District Number Eight leadership, and spent eight hours with him. Most of the conversation with COHEN was political in nature; however, COHEN did identify DIANE VOGEL as the Hyde Park Division Organizer and furnished the informant with information concerning the activities of a number of other prominent Hyde Park Communists. During the period of eight hours in which the informant was with COHEN, they compiled a list of individual Communist leaders who are now in jail and addressed approximately 20 Christmas cards to these leaders. They included EUGENE DENNIS, JOHN WILLIAMSON, BEN DAVIS, and ROBERT THOMPSON. The purpose of the informant, of course, in writing these notes was to indicate to this leadership that he is around and that he is thinking "party-wise".

On December 21, 1953, [ ] at the informant's request, contacted REVA WEINSTEIN, a sister-in-law of HARRY BRIDGES, and was told that BRIDGES and his family and other New York relatives would spend the b7D

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holidays at the WEINSTEIN residence. This informant was also told to have CG-5824-S see BRIDGES during the holidays. It was also ascertained that BRIDGES was then in New York and New York was advised of this fact by Airtel.

The informant, on December 21, 1953, exhibited a letter from LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communist, which advised that she and her husband had received a photograph of their new granddaughter. It will be recalled that the [ ] MARCEL SCHERER, [ ] is presently underground and this information indicates that the SCHERERS are now in contact with [ ]

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On December 21, 1953, [ ] was asked by HARRY MILLER to have lunch with him following MILLER's return from his New York trip. MILLER told this informant that he had seen WILLIAM WEINER and MILLER gave the informant a note from [ ] WEINER, for CG-5824-S. MILLER told this informant that he was returning to New York the weekend of December 26, 1953, and could deliver messages for the informant. The [ ] letter, dated December 18, 1953, was mostly personal in nature concerning the illness of [ ] WILLIAM WEINER. It also acknowledged the receipt from CG-5824-S of gifts for the [ ] children. [ ] told the informant to continue to write to [ ] MILLER then gave [ ] his annual Christmas present for CG-5824-S which consisted of two bottles of good brandy. He then made arrangements to meet [ ] and CG-5824-S on December 24, 1953.

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On December 22, 1953, arrangements were made by [ ] through a friend residing on the near north side for a get together of the informants with PHIL KOSSOFF, Professional Division Organizer of the Party, and PETER ALLEN LEVINE, former operator of the Custom Printing Company, a Party business, on January 2, 1953. The occasion will be a holiday dinner and the informant advised that there are possibly other individuals attending this affair.

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On the same date, the informant exhibited a letter from LENA SCHERER, above described, dated December 19, 1953, which advised the informant that HOWARD BOLIT, her brother-in-law, is through at the "Daily Worker" and presently looking for work.

On December 24, 1953, the informant and his wife met with HARRY MILLER, above described. This is the first meeting between MILLER and the informant in approximately six months. The contact had been broken off by Party instructions after MILLER had learned of a current pending Bureau investigation. The three individuals had dinner together with MILLER acting as host. He told the informant that he was again going to

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New York on December 27, 1953, and would see WILLIAM WEINER and deliver any messages that the informant might desire to be sent. The informant gave him a written message to WEINER and orally told MILLER that if WEINER asked how the informant was he should say that he, the informant, is "isolated" and that he did not care if the district leadership went "to the bottom of the lake". The informant, in explaining his remarks, stated that he can talk in this manner to WEINER and MILLER and that the meaning would be clear to WEINER and he expected no repercussions.

On the same date and evening, the informant and his wife proceeded to the residence of MAX and REVA WEINSTEIN, in-laws of HARRY BRIDGES, where they met HARRY BRIDGES and his family, [redacted] of New York, also relatives of BRIDGES, and ED and JOYCE GOURFAIN, the latter being prominent Communists in the Chicago area who have close connections with LEON KATZEN, previously described. [redacted] according to the informant, has been around the Communist movement in New York for many years and at one time was a close associate of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

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The informant had a personal talk with BRIDGES for more than an hour, during which time the main subject of conversation concerned the present jurisdictional dispute between the new International Longshoremen's Association - AFL Union and the old AFL Longshoremen's Union, formerly led by JOE RYAN. BRIDGES told the informant that he had just returned from New York where he had received first-hand information on the points in conflict and had certain discussions with officials of the old ILA, whose side he and his West Coast union are backing. BRIDGES said that he had contact with the new head of the old ILA, one BRADLEY, and had established contact with representatives of JOHN L. LEWIS' union which is also involved in the jurisdictional conflict. BRIDGES told the informant that his position, contrary to the Party's position, was that the issue is not one of racketeering on the waterfront but is purely political in nature involving Governor THOMAS DEWEY and Attorney General HERBERT H. WHEELER and the crux of the matter is that the existence and survival of the union, itself, is involved and the standards that go with it. He said that he had promised BRADLEY that his west coast union would support financially and otherwise BRADLEY's union if Governor DEWEY or the NLRB attempted to upset the election vote, and it was decided that a strike was necessary. BRIDGES said that it appeared that a strike was necessary and that it would mean a tie-up of the Atlantic, the Gulf, and the West Coast ports. BRIDGES said that he was returning to New York to watch developments and to attempt to see JOHN L. LEWIS, personally, on the matter. He expects to return to Chicago on January 1 or 3 unless the developments on the East Coast are such that it is necessary for him to return immediately to San Francisco to prepare for the strike. The information arranged to see BRIDGES at the WEINSTEIN home on January 1, 1953, if he has returned to Chicago by that date.

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In view of the importance of the above information, it was transmitted to the Bureau, New York, and San Francisco by Airtel and teletype respectively on December 27 and 28, 1953, under the caption "CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY". The informant additionally reported on his conversations with the WEINSTEINS, the [redacted] and the GOWFALKS.

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On December 24, 1953, [redacted] was contacted by LOIS MUCCI, wife of FRANK MUCCI, formerly in the Communist Party underground who is seriously ill in Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, at the present time. MUCCI's wife asked the informant to request CG-5821-S to visit MUCCI as he had asked for the informant and wanted to discuss political matters with the informant.

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The informant visited MUCCI for four hours on December 26, 1953, and found him in an almost completely paralyzed condition. MUCCI asked the informant to speak politically to him and appeared to be completely broken in spirit. The informant, instead, spoke philosophically to MUCCI and told him to forget politics and to think only of getting well. LOIS MUCCI was present during this meeting and told the informant after he had left the room that he, the informant, was the only one who appeared to be able to boost MUCCI's morale and to be an individual that MUCCI actually wanted to see. She told the informant that she wanted him to visit her husband as often as possible and the informant promised to do so. This contact was made because LOIS MUCCI is close to the Party underground and is also residing at the residence of MOLLIE LIEBER WEST, wife of JIM WEST, who has been underground for more than one year. The informant again is building his contacts and the confidence of key Party people in him.

The informant and [redacted] additionally during the Christmas week sent and distributed numerous Christmas gifts in line with the informant's practice over a period of years to individual comrades and children of comrades including the following:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] of WILLIAM WEINER  
WILLIAM LAWRENCE, District Number Two Cultural Organizer  
MARTIN YOUNG, presently on parole from Ellis Island  
HARRY YARRIS, brother of BETTY GANNET, presently on Ellis Island  
JACK KLING, National Party underground advisor (presents distributed to his children through KLING's wife)  
Children of MAX and REVA WEINSTEIN

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HARRY MILLER  
Children of MILTON and GUS COHEN  
MARCEL and LENA SCHERER (informant and his  
wife gave them personal loan of \$25 to help  
them financially since both were unemployed)  
Dr. SOLOMON PEARLMAN

In addition, the informant as is his custom each year, sent numerous greeting cards to leading comrades in the Chicago and New York areas. This, of course, is in line with his over-all plan of re-establishing contacts and acquaintances with leading influential comrades to further help in the informant's reactivation.

On December 26, 1953, the informant again saw Dr. SAUL PEARLMAN, CP doctor, and had a philosophical discussion with PEARLMAN. The informant's over-all plan in this regard is to cause PEARLMAN, an intelligent individual, to begin to question the Party ideology in order that an interview by the Bureau might be set up.

#### Evaluation and Future Plans

On December 28, 1953, a lengthy discussion was held with the informant regarding future plans.

The informant has scheduled meetings with HARRY BRIDGES, PHIL KOSSOFF, PETER ALLEN LEVINE, all previously described, and with others for the last week in December and hopes to arrange for meetings with WILLIAM SENNETT, District Number Eight Open Organizer; CHARLES MITCHELL, CP trade union leader; and with HERB MARCH, former member of the National Committee of the Party during the same period.

During the discussion on December 28, 1953, the informant expressed an intense feeling against the District leadership for its failure to consult him more frequently and was also critical of BILL BART for his failure to see him since September 15 - 16, 1953.

Informant advised that he cannot explain BART's lack of contact with him but speculated that there might be reasons why BART has been unable to do so. The informant advised that insofar as he can observe, he believes there is no suspicion in the Party leadership of him and further in analyzing the over-all situation, he believes he is constantly increasing the confidence of the leadership in him.

The informant then stated that he is seriously considering writing a letter of complaint to ETTY CANNETT within the next week or two. He is also seriously considering the possibility of the need of another personal

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visit to New York by the informant if an adequate cover can be provided in order that he might see GANNETT and make charges against the District leadership of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. In that respect, the informant advised that he thinks he is on solid ground because he has the facts and will have the backing of many Party people and leaders in the District who believe as he does that the LIGHTFOOT leadership is causing complete disruption of the Party in this area. The informant advised that he believes he can successfully challenge this leadership and that the result might be to topple the present District leadership and place the informant in a high leadership position in the District. If the decision is made by the informant to take this radical step, the informant feels that he should go to New York possibly within the next month because if he takes the step he will rely heavily on the influence of WILLIAM WEINER and since WEINER is so sick, the informant feels that it might be necessary to make the trip as expeditiously as possible.

A separate letter to the Bureau, New York, and Philadelphia is being submitted requesting certain information as to the current status and whereabouts of BART and BETTY GANNETT and also request New York to contact NY-694-S concerning the possibility of an adequate cover. On receipt of replies from these offices, the situation will be gone over with the informant and if he feels it is desirable for him to go to New York, specific request will be made of the Bureau.

The informant continues to furnish valuable information of a local and national character and this information is of a type that to the knowledge of this office cannot be duplicated. He is anxious to advance himself and it is believed that he is experienced enough to reach the level of leadership that the Bureau desires. He continually cautions that patience and careful planning and building are the most important and he added that he is continually building and that he can see results in the offing.

The re-establishment by NY-694-S of his contact with WILLIAM WEINER, with whom the New York informant worked closely on National Communist Party finance matters for many years, is considered by CG-5824-S to be a most important development because now the informant can ask NY-694-S to act directly for him speaking to WEINER, who is still influential in the Party. Arrangements have been made by WEINER for CG-5824-S to transmit all letters for WEINER through NY-694-S and this will avoid delays which have previously caused considerable trouble.

The informant's health is much improved after his recent illness.

On December 28, the informant re-emphasized his confidence that things are beginning to shape up insofar as his work for the Bureau is concerned. The Bureau will be advised of all developments. One additional copy is submitted for the file of

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 12/31/53

FROM : SA C N Freyman

SUBJECT : C 5824 - S

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DATES OF CONTACT: 12/31/53 Phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-2732 (CARMEL)  
140-326 - (S. Godfredson)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ☒121-2732  
140-326.Positive: ☒100-Sue Kling  
Jack Kling5824 relayed info Re  
 Contact with  
Sue Kling 12/30/53  
to be disseminated to  
Sally Jiles & A 134-46  

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CG 5824-S. RE CHICAGO LETTER 12/31/53. NY 694-S ADVISES HE HAS CONTACTED WILLIAM WIENER WHO "MORE THAN WELCOMES" INFORMANTS CONTEMPLATED TRIP TO NY AND IS PRESENTLY ARRANGING A DEFINITE APPOINTMENT FOR CG 5824-S WITH BETTY GANNETT. DATE OF APPELLATE COURT DECISION IN GANNETT CASE IS INDEFINITE. DEFENDANTS BRIEF ON APPEAL WAS FILED ON 11/16, GOVERNMENT HAVING 60 DAYS WITHIN WHICH TO FILE REPLY BRIEF. DATES OR ARGUMENT ON APPEAL AND COURT DECISION ARE, THEREFORE, INDEFINITE. THIS OFFICE HAS NO INFORMATION REFLECTING INS EXPECTS TO TAKE ANY ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE CONTACT OF GANNETT BY INFORMANT. GANNETT REGULARLY APPEARS OPENLY AT CP HEADQUARTERS. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE REFLECTING GANNETT HAS REGULAR CONTACT WITH UNDERGROUND PARTY LEADERSHIP. CHICAGO WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS DEFINITE DATE FOR CONTACT OF CG 5824-S WITH GANNETT IS ARRANGED.

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- 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
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TO : SAC (134-46)

DATE: 1-6-54

FROM : C. N. Freyman

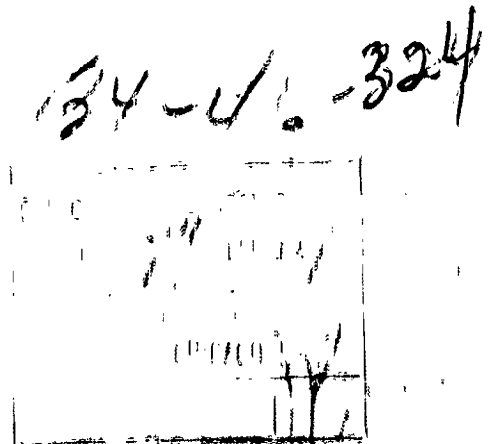
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On 1-5-54 the writer paid the above the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered 12-16 thru 12-31-53 at the Chatham and the receipt obtained was turned into the ASAC's office.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 1-6-54

**FROM :** SA C. N. J. J. J. J.

SUBJECT: *Cg 5824-5*

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DATE OF CONTACT: 1-2-5-4

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100 - Imogene [redacted] Johnson  
100 - Cornwell H. G. C. P.  
100 - Harry Bridges  
100 - Cornwell [redacted]

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: ✓

**Positive:**

100- [redacted]  
100- 28387 (Henry House)  
100- 23154 [redacted]

Positive:	100 -
100 - Cha. Harnett	100 - Communist PLWJ
100 - Joe Gibbons	100 - Sue Kling
100 - Mitt Cohen	100 - Lil Green
100 - [redacted]	100 - 21222 CP Underground
100 - Lena Scherer	100 - Jack Kling
100 - Betty Gannett	100 - [redacted]
100 - CP-USA	100 - [redacted]
100 - Harry Jarvis	100 - [redacted]
105-1576 (Solovay)	100 - [redacted]
100 - Silas G. Oddeford	100 - [redacted]
100 - May Wernick	100 - [redacted]
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DECEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST. AUTHORITY GRANTED  
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TRIP, FOR WHICH ADVANCE OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY  
DOLLARS MAY BE MADE. TRIP IS CONTINGENT UPON  
REQUEST OF INFORMANT'S PRESENCE IN NEW YORK  
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SAC (140-26)

January 11, 1954

SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SVEND GODFREDSSEN  
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ATTENTION: SA

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On January 5, 1943, the writer exhibited a photograph of the captioned individual to CG 5824-S to determine whether he knew this individual to have ever been in the Communist movement. Informant orally advised the writer on the same date that he could not associate GODFREDSSEN in the Communist movement as late as 1946, and he further stated that he has not been in a position to know whether this individual may have had association subsequent to that date.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: CHICAGO

CG 5824-S. REYOURSLET 1/8/54. THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED] AND HER HUSBAND, BERNARD FRIEDMAN, ARE UNKNOWN. IN 1950, [REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED FROM HER POSITION AS SECRETARY IN THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE DAILY WORKER BECAUSE OF A CUTBACK IN EMPLOYMENT. LAST KNOWN NEW YORK ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] IS APARTMENT [REDACTED] STREET, NYC.

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On December 28, 1953, CG 5824-S orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN that in connection with future trips which he contemplates making to New York in connection with his assistance to the Bureau, he is desirous of knowing the whereabouts and present Party status and work of [redacted] a former secretary at the "Daily Worker" until at least 1947. This individual, according to the informant, then resided on 4th Street in Greenwich Village, New York, and if she is still employed at the "Daily Worker" or in some other key party position, the informant desires to make contact with her.

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For the information of New York, this informant contemplates a trip to New York in the immediate future, and this office requests expeditious handling of this matter in order that the informant may be furnished with this information prior to his departure for New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

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CG 5824-S, BUFILE 61-7665. RE CG LETTER TO DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA AND N.Y., SAME CAPTION, DATED DECEMBER 31, 1953, REQUESTING INFORMATION RE STATUS OF PHIL BART AND CONTACT WITH NY 694-S TO DETERMINE WHETHER A BUSINESS COVER COULD BE SET UP FOR POSSIBLE TRIP TO N. Y. BY CG 5824-S TO SEE WILLIAM WEINER AND BETTY GANNETT OF NATIONAL OFFICE, CP. REFERENCE ALSO N. Y. AIRTEL JANUARY 4, 1954, ADVISING THAT WEINER WELCOMED INFORMANT'S TRIP, AND THAT NY 694-S WAS ARRANGING DEFINITE APPOINTMENT DATE FOR INFORMANT WITH BETTY GANNETT. NY 694-S BY LETTER RECEIVED ON JANUARY 11, 1954, ADVISED CG 5824-S THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS BY WEINER, LEM HARRIS WAS SEEING BETTY GANNETT JANUARY 11, 1954 TO ARRANGE DEFINITE APPOINTMENT FOR CG 5824-S ON JANUARY 14, 1954 IF POSSIBLE. NY 694-S SAID THAT WEINER HAS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AT MOST TO LIVE AND IS "SHOCKED" TO LEARN THAT INFORMANT HAS NOT BECOME "MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED," AND APPARENTLY WANTS TO SEE SOMETHING DONE ABOUT IT. CG 5824-S ADVISED ON JANUARY 11, 1954 THAT HE BELIEVES IT IS IN INTEREST OF BUREAU FOR HIM TO GO TO N.Y. AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY SINCE WEINER IS ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT DATE. HE SAID THAT HE IS PREPARED TO POINTEDLY ASK FOR CLARIFICATION FROM GANNETT OF NATIONAL OFFICE

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cc: 2 - New York (RM) (AM)

(1 - 66-6989 - CG 5824-S)

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INTENTIONS AS TO HIS TASKS AND STATUS. HE WILL ALSO, IF IT APPEARS OPPORTUNE, CHARGE THE DISTRICT NO. 8 LEADERSHIP WITH DERELICTIONS, AND IS PREPARED TO FURNISH FACTS TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES. PLANS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY MADE AND INFORMANT AND THIS OFFICE BELIEVE THAT TIME IS OPPORTUNE TO GET COMMITMENTS AND CLARIFICATION OF STATUS AND DUTIES. INFORMANT WAS ADVISED THAT MATTER WOULD BE PRESENTED TO BUREAU, BUT THAT REPLY COULD NOT BE EXPECTED IN TIME FOR PROPOSED MEETING DATE. HE WAS TOLD THAT CLEARANCE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ALLOW HIM TO MAKE TRIP PRIOR TO WEEKEND OF JANUARY 22, NEXT. INFORMANT REQUESTED N.Y. TO ADVISE NY 694-S THAT IF DEFINITE APPOINTMENT DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET WITH GANNETT, THAT SHE BE TOLD THAT INFORMANT CANNOT ARRANGE BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS TO SET DEFINITE DATE NOW, BUT WILL ADVISE WHEN HE IS FREE TO COME TO N. Y. AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO SEND INFORMANT TO N. Y. ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 22, NEXT, OR AT SUCH DATE THEREAFTER AS NY 694-S IS SUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENT DATE WITH GANNETT. AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED TO ADVANCE HIM \$250.00 FOR CONTEMPLATED EXPENSES FOR AN ESTIMATED SEVEN-DAY TRIP TO ALLOW INFORMANT TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH OTHER NATIONAL OFFICE LEADERS, THE UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP IF THIS IS ARRANGED, AND WITH LEADERS OF DISTRICT NO. 2. THIS WOULD COVER ROUND TRIP PLANE FARE, FOOD AND METROPOLITAN TRAVEL EXPENSE AND POSSIBLE LODGING IF INFORMANT IS REQUIRED TO STAY AT HOTEL.

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INFORMANT IN SIMILAR TRIPS HAS PREVIOUSLY EXPENDED APPROXIMATELY \$300.00 PER TRIP. TRIP IS BELIEVED NECESSARY TO BRING THE QUESTION OF INFORMANT'S PARTY POSITION TO A HEAD AND IS BEING REQUESTED AT THIS TIME TO AFFORD INFORMANT THE BACKING OF WILLIAM WEINER WHILE HE IS STILL LIVING. THIS REQUEST IS IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN BUTEL OF JANUARY 7, 1954, WHICH AUTHORITY IS HELD IN ABRAXANCE AND WILL BE USED ONLY IF THE CONTINGENCIES IN CG LETTER OF DECEMBER 24, 1953 OCCUR. N.Y. SUTEL RE DEFINITE APPOINTMENT DATES WITH GAMNETT. BUREAU SUTEL REPLY.

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TO : SAC (134-46)

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: January 18, 1954

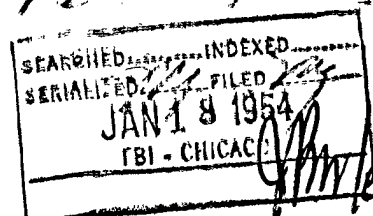
On January 10, 1954, CG 5824-S orally advised the writer that both he and his wife had paid their regular party dues for December, 1953, by leaving an envelope containing dues money at the Modern Book Store in the custody of [redacted] around Christmas time. These monies were understood by [redacted] to be given to WILLIAM SENNETT.

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cc: [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 1-12-54

FROM : SA C. N. Freeman

SUBJECT: Q 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 1-12-54 Personal

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

See below

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

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100-Sue Kling  
100-Jack Kling  
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100-Chas Howard  
100-Jane March  
100-Dr Lawrence C  
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100-Dr JH Shapiro

## PERSONAL DATA:

Above being Reported by Memo to Self  
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TO : SAC (100-28387)  
FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN  
SUBJECT:

DATE: January 13, 1954

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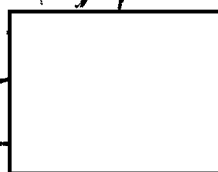
Re rough draft memo of SA  requesting a contact with CG 5824-S concerning any Communist Party history of the subject during the period when he resided in Chicago from 1919 to 1925.

CG 5824-S orally advised the writer on January 5, 1954, that he could not recall the subject and could not identify him unless photographs were possibly available.

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FBI, CHICAGO (134-46)

1/13/54

DIRECTOR, FBI (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

CG-5824-S, BUFILE 61-7665. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL JANUARY 11 INSTANT REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO SEND INFORMANT TO NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 22 NEXT OR AT SUCH DATE THEREAFTER AS NY-694-S IS SUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENT DATE WITH BETTY GANNETT. CG-5824-S WAS CONTACTED ON JANUARY 13 INSTANT BY LEM HARRIS, LEONARD FOR WILLIAM WEINER OF NATIONAL CP OFFICE WHILE HARRIS WAS IN CHICAGO. HARRIS TOLD INFORMANT THAT HE HAD MADE APPOINTMENT DATE FOR INFORMANT TO SEE GANNETT ON JANUARY 14 LAST BUT HAD "LOUSED UP THINGS" BY FAILING TO ADVISE NY-694-S. HARRIS SAID THAT HE HAD JUST TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NY-694-S AND INSTRUCTED NEW YORK INFORMANT TO STAND IN FOR CG-5824-S AND MEET GANNETT ON JANUARY 14 NEXT. HE SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD NY-694-S TO TELL GANNETT THAT HE, HARRIS, WAS AT FAULT AND REQUESTED NY-694-S TO ASK GANNETT TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR MEETING CG-5824-S TO "AROUND JANUARY 21 NEXT". HARRIS SAID THAT HE WAS ONLY IN CHICAGO FOR A SHORT TIME AND HAD A MEETING WITH LIL GREEN, WIFE OF OIL GREEN, COMFUD, IN TWENTY MINUTES. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO CONTACT NY-694-S TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE MET GANNETT AS REQUESTED AND WHETHER DEFINITE DATE FOR CG-5824-S APPOINTMENT WITH GANNETT IN NEW YORK WAS SET. THE ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFO OF BUREAU SO THAT AUTHORITY TO SEND CG-5824-S TO NEW YORK MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR CG-5824-S TO KEEP APPOINTMENT DATE WITH GANNETT.

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CC: 2 - New York (1 - 66-6909)(CG-5824-S)(Registered)  
(1 - 134-91)(NY-694-S)

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL JAN ONE, FIFTYFOUR. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISES HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM LEM HARRIS FROM CHICAGO AT FOUR THIRTY P.M., JAN THIRTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, LATTER STATING HE HAD FORGOTTEN TO INFORM NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THAT HE HAD MADE A DEFINITE APPOINTMENT FOR CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S TO MEET BETTY GANNETT AT THE BRASS RAIL RESTAURANT, NYC, AT SIX THIRTY P.M. ON JAN FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR. HARRIS WAS QUITE UPSET BY REASON OF HAVING FORGOTTEN TO SO ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S, AND ASKED WHETHER IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S TO KEEP APPOINTMENT. GANNETT, HE SAID, WAS ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE DATE. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S TOLD HARRIS SUCH WAS NOT POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PREVENT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S TO BE IN NY ON JAN FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S TOLD HARRIS HE, NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S, WOULD KEEP THE APPOINTMENT WITH GANNETT, AND WOULD ARRANGE WITH HER FOR A NEW DATE OF CONTACT WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, PROBABLY ON OR ABOUT JAN TWENTYONE, FIFTYFOUR. HARRIS THOUGHT THIS AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND SAID HE WOULD CONTACT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S TELEPHONICALLY IN CHICAGO AFTER SPEAKING TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. AFTER TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION  
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CORRECTION ON PAGE ONE....

LINE 11 AFTER LAST WORD PLS ADD THE FOLOWING....

"POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF BUSINESS"

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WITH MRS. WILLIAM WIENER YESTERDAY, NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S BELIEVES WIENER-S CONDITION IS CRITICAL, AND THAT HE MAY LAPSE INTO COMA AT ANY TIME, AND THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S BE IN NY PRIOR TO JAN. TWENTYONE, FIFTYFOUR, TO KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH GANNETT, AND TO SEE WIENER WHILE THE LATTER IS LUCID. WIENER, ACCORDING TO LATTER-S WIFE, IS VERY ANXIOUS TO SEE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. BUREAU AND CHICAGO WILL BE ADVISED OF NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S-S MEETING WITH GANNETT ON JAN FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, AND OF DATE AGREED UPON FOR MEETING OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S AND GANNETT.

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CG 5824-S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL JANUARY ELEVEN AND NEW YORK TEL  
JANUARY THIRTEEN, LAST. AUTHORITY GRANTED PAY EXPENSES INFORMANT  
FOR ESTIMATED SEVEN DAY TRIP FOR WHICH ADVANCE OF TWO HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY DOLLARS MAY BE MADE. IF GANNETT INDICATES DURING CONTACT  
JANUARY 14 WITH NY 694-S THAT PRESENCE OF CG 5824-S DESIRED IN  
NEW YORK BEFORE JANUARY TWENTYONE, ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR  
CG 5824-S TO PROCEED TO NEW YORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NY 694-S  
SHOULD INDICATE TO GANNETT IN VIEW OF EMERGENCY, CG 5824-S WILL DROP  
EVERYTHING AND GO TO NEW YORK. THIS AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED IDENTICAL WITH THAT GRANTED IN BU AIRTEL JANUARY SEVEN,  
LAST, TO PAY EXPENSES CG 5824-S FOR TRIP TO NEW YORK AND IF ANY  
SUBSEQUENT TRIPS NECESSARY, ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE  
OBTAINED. BOTH OFFICES KEEP BUREAU ADVISED ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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CG-5824-S

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Re Cglet 1/15/54 entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Olsen (Sovme), ESPIONAGE - R," Bufile 65-61054. Relet refers to the informant under his true name but does not identify him as an informant of the Bureau. The informant is one of the individuals who may be identical with Unknown Subject, with alias Olsen. This is being brought to the attention of the Bureau so that it can be given consideration in connection with the evaluating of relet in the Unknown Subject with alias Olsen case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SAC, NEW YORK

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REBUTEL JAN. FOURTEEN LAST. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WAS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BY NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ON JAN. FOURTEEN LAST THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH <sup>11/15/54</sup> BETTY GANNETT<sup>2</sup>, SAME DATE, AND ARRANGED APPOINTMENT WITH HER FOR CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ON EVENING OF JAN. NINETEEN NEXT. <sup>3</sup> GANNETT'S REACTION DESCRIBED AS GOOD. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE NEW YORK CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION TO ARRIVE IN NY A.M. OF JAN. EIGHTEEN OR NINETEEN NEXT. INFORMANT WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AGENT HANDLING NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. BUREAU AND NY WILL BE ADVISED WHEN TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED. NY ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. NY REQUESTED TO ARRANGE NO FISUR BE CONDUCTED ON <sup>4</sup> BETTY GANNETT ON EVENING OF JAN. NINETEEN NEXT.

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


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AND SAC, NEW YORK U R G E N T

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REBUTEL JAN. FOURTEEN LAST.

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WAS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BY NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ON JAN. FOURTEEN LAST THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH MUJDI FEZJO ROCTG KUDZ PYNXY ROCTG, SAME DATE, AND ARRANGED APPOINTMENT WITH HER FOR CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ON EVENING OF JAN. NINETEEN NEXT. KUDZ PYNXY CUWHR REACTION DESCRIBED AS GOOD. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE NEW YORK CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION TO ARRIVE IN NY A.M. OF JAN. EIGHTEEN OR NINETEEN NEXT. INFORMANT WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AGENT HANDLING NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. BUREAU AND NY WILL BE ADVISED WHEN TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED. NY ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. NY REQUESTED TO ARRANGE NO FISUR BE CONDUCTED ON MUJDI FEZJO ROCTG ON EVENING OF JAN. NINETEEN NEXT.

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CG FIFTY-EIGHT TWENTY -FOUR - S. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISES  
APPOINTMENT MADE FOR CG FIFTY EIGHT TWENTY FOUR S TO MEET BETTY  
GANNETT AT BRASS RAIL RESTAURANT, FORTY THREE STREET AND FIFTH  
AVENUE, SIX P.M., EASTERN DAY LIGHT TIME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY NINETEEN.  
CHICAGO REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT CG FIFTY EIGHT TWENTY FOUR S TO BE  
IN NY TO KEEP APPOINTMENT. BUFILE SIXTY ONE SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE.  
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC NEW YORK (REGISTERED)

CG 5824-S. RE CG TEL JAN. 15 LAST. CG 5824-S DEPARTING  
CG VIA NY CENTRAL RR, FOUR P.M. JAN. 18 LAST TO ARRIVE IN  
NYC AT NINE A.M. JAN. 19. NY ADVISE NY 694-S.

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FBI, CHICAGO

1/18/54

DIRECTOR, FBI; SAC NEW YORK (AIR MAIL - REGISTERED)

9/11  
CG 5824-S. BUFILE 61-7665. RE CG AIRTEL 1/16/54. CG 5824-S  
DEPARTING VIA NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD, 4:00 PM THIS DATE, TO  
ARRIVE IN NY AT 9:00 AM 1/19/54. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HE  
WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AGENT HANDLING NY 694-S. HE EXPECTS  
TO SEE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS DURING TRIP: WILLIAM WEINER,  
BETTY GANNETT ON 1/19/54, LENA AND MARCEL SCHERER, WILLIAM  
LAWRENCE, MARTIN YOUNG, BARNEY AND LEON JOSEPHSON, HARRY  
HAYWOOD, LEM HARRIS, JEREMIAH INGERSOLL, JOHN STUBBEN, AND  
POSSIBLY PETTIS PERRY. INFORMANT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO  
ATTEMPT TO ADVISE NY OFFICE CONCERNING EXPECTED CONTACTS ON A  
DAY TO DAY BASIS SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY NY OFFICE,  
IF POSSIBLE, THAT NO FISURS ARE CONDUCTED ON THESE INDIVIDUALS  
IN ORDER THAT CONTACT WITH THEM BY THE INFORMANT MIGHT NOT BE  
INTERFERED WITH. FOR INFO.

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cc: 2-New York (RM)  
(1- 134-91 NY694-S)  
(1- CG 5824-S)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

January 18, 1954

SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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CG 5824-S

Rebulet dated July 28, 1953 authorizing the continuation of the services of the captioned informant for a period of six months effective August 1, 1953 at the rate of \$800 per month to be used in the following manner:

\$600 for living expenses including payments on his automobile, \$100 per month for miscellaneous expenses including entertainment, ordinary travel, and literature and \$100 per month for payments on the informant's large indebtedness incurred during his extended illness.

Reference is also made to bi-weekly progress letters submitted by this office under the above caption dated August 4 and 17, September 7 and 16, October 7 and 22, November 6 and 23, December 4, 22 and 31, 1953, summarizing the informant's reactivation efforts and the information furnished by him during the two week periods.

During the period of August 1, 1953 through January 10, 1954, this informant has continued to devote his full time to his efforts to place himself in a national CP functionary position. In that connection he has carefully laid his plans and selected contacts with functionaries at the national and District No. 8 level in the open and underground apparatus with the view of using these people to further his efforts to place himself in the highest possible level in the CP national leadership.

It is believed that definite progress has again been made during this period and also that additional tangible results will be obtained in the future.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

Inasmuch as the bi-weekly summaries prepared by this office have included the bulk of significant important information obtained by the informant during the past six month period as well as information concerning his major contacts to effect reactivation, this letter will confine itself to summarizing only a few of the major contacts and information made and furnished by this informant during the pertinent period.

In December, 1953 a survey was made of the quality of information furnished by this informant during the past year and a half since contact was initiated with him by the Bureau. This survey reflected that in this 18 month period the informant had made approximately 185 individual contacts with over 50 different individuals most of whom were in the national, District No. 2, or District No. 8 leadership of the Communist Party. These contacts lasted from approximately one hour to several days in cases where the informant had people visiting him at his residence or where the informant made trips to New York.

The survey also reflected that up to December, 1953 the informant had reported and furnished information on slightly more than 500 individual CP members and that this information was both of a background and current nature. One of the contacts made by this informant within the past six months was with PHIL BART, Midwest CP underground leader, in September, 1953 which contact lasted for 20 hours.

The informant has purposely limited the number of his contacts on party instructions and for security reasons to persons whom the party permits him to see and/or individuals with whom the informant has a close personal relation. On the whole, the contacts the informant makes are chosen for the purpose of using these people to further the informant's reactivation efforts and his Party position and tasks.

During the period covering the above survey, it was noted that the average number of contacts made by this informant over an 18 month period were ten and five tenths per month. His contacts from early December to the date of the writing of this letter have been in excess of this average.

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

In considering the value and potential of this informant, it should also be pointed out that CG 5824-S works closely with [redacted] who at informant's request reaffiliated with the CP in November, 1953 and is presently a Bureau informant. b7D

It is also pointed out that the informant's brother is NY 694-S who, at the present time, is the key informant in the Bureau case entitled "SASH" Espionage - R. To date [redacted] is assisting the Bureau voluntarily without payments for services rendered or expenses incurred, it being felt that the above being paid to CG 5824-S should be sufficient to compensate for the services of both informants. In that connection, however, it should be pointed out that should the services of [redacted] require large expenditures or a large amount of her time or should she receive a key party position as a result of her re-entry into the Party, consideration may later be given to requesting the Bureau for payments to her for necessary expenses. b7D

In connection with the operation of NY 694-S it should also be pointed out that to the knowledge of this office the New York informant is presently accepting only expense money.

In summary, therefore, it is pointed out that the payments presently being made to CG 5824-S in effect cover the services of three informants of excellent quality and potential.

During the pertinent six month period, the key contact made by this informant occurred on September 15 and 16, 1953 when the informant made contact with PHIL BART, Midwest Underground CP organizer, and had a 20 hour session with BART. In connection with the arrangements for this contact, the services of WILLIAM SENNETT, District No. 8, CP open Party organizer, and of SIGMUND EISENSCHER, missing Milwaukee Smith Act subject for approximately three years, were utilized.

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

This was the informant's first contact with a representative of the National CP underground leadership. The informant was told by BART that the National Office of the Party still regards the informant as one of the leading "cadre" in the country. He was also told that he was seeing the informant on instructions of "the leading committee" of the Party and that the Party had asked him, BART, to secure certain explanations from the informant as to why the informant had allowed himself to become inactive, why [redacted] had dropped from the Party, and certain matters pertaining to the Party status of NY 694-S.

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The informant has advised that the explanations he furnished appeared to completely satisfy BART and BART, during the conversation, told the informant that whatever answers the informant made to the questions asked would be taken as the truth. BART, during the course of this lengthy discussion, briefed the informant on Party organization, strategy and tactics, security measures, etc. in detail, the substance of which was incorporated in Chicago letter to the Bureau of September 21, 1953.

In addition to the above, BART and the informant discussed future work that the informant might do. BART indicated that the Party did not want to place the informant in the "reserve leadership" because of the status of the informant's health. He told the informant that the matter of tasks had been discussed by the leading committee and that it was generally agreed that the informant would work with the national leadership on matters involving political trends, Party strategy and tactics, and in that connection ideas would be exchanged through contacts with the leadership and through exchanges of written memorandum.

Informant in connection with the negotiations regarding his tasks made it clear to BART that the above suggestions were satisfactory to him but that he wanted it clearly understood that if he was to make a proper contribution to the Party he must not be "isolated" and must be a living part of the organization aware of the happenings within the Party on a day to day basis.

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BART told the informant that such an arrangement was what the Party had in mind and added that he would submit a report to the committee concerning his contact with the informant and that he or someone else would see the informant in about one month, after the approval of the "leading committee" had been obtained.

BART told the informant that he would arrange to provide the informant with all necessary documentary material in the meantime and that once BART has seen the leadership the informant's work would be more concretized.

The informant visited National Party leaders in New York including BETTY GANNETT during the first week of November, 1953. During his meeting with GANNETT she told the informant that BART had submitted a most favorable report on him, his wife, and NY 694-S. When the informant told her that his work had not been concretized and that he had not seen the underground leadership since September, 1953, she was surprised and told the informant that BART was then in the Midwest and that she would immediately get in touch with him and instruct him to contact CG 5824-S to concretize his tasks.

On January 5, 1954, NY 694-S advised CG 5824-S that during the past week he had spent a day with WILLIAM WEINER, National CP finance man who is currently ill with cancer, and who is the informant's chief backer with the national leadership of the CP. NY 694-S stated that WEINER was told by the New York informant that CG 5824-S has had no recontacts with the underground leadership and that his tasks have not yet been concretized.

WEINER told NY 694-S that he was "shocked and surprised" to learn that this was the situation with regard to CG 5824-S. WEINER, according to NY 694-S, immediately called in LEM HARRIS, the courier between WEINER and BETTY GANNETT, and instructed HARRIS to see GANNETT regarding this matter at the earliest possible date.

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WEINER suggested that since NY 694-S had told him he was calling in the Chicago informant to New York for business reasons, that HARRIS make a definite date possibly January 14 for BETTY GANNETT to see CG 5824-S.

To the date of the writing of this letter, it is not definitely known whether a definite appointment for the Chicago informant to see GANNETT has been arranged for him by WEINER but this informant is expected within the next few days.

From October 30 through November 7, 1953 the informant was in New York. From an informational standpoint as well as from the standpoint of furthering his reactivation, it is believed the informant's trip was successful. Also of great importance is the fact that while the informant was in New York he laid the groundwork for the renewal of the personal and Party relationship between WILLIAM WEINER and NY 694-S which resulted in meetings being held between NY 694-S and WEINER in December, 1953 and January, 1954. This is of particular significance because of the possibility that WEINER may make certain recommendations to the national party office with regard to NY 694-S who worked with WEINER in the Party apparatus and in Party finances for many years prior to approximately 1949 and 1950. During this trip, the informant saw the following individuals in addition to WEINER:

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
National Chairman, CP

BETTY GANNETT  
National Organization  
Secretary of the CP

LEM HARRIS  
assistant to  
WILLIAM WEINER

WILLIAM LAWRENCE  
District No. 2  
Cultural Division Organizer



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LENA SCHERER  
District No. 2  
Cadre Commission member

MARCEL SCHERER  
prominent New York Communist

BARNEY and LEON JOSEPHSON  
prominent New York Communists

MARTIN YOUNG  
former member of National  
Committee, CP  
presently on parole following  
INS proceedings

MAE WILLIAMSON  
wife of JOHN WILLIAMSON,  
Smith Act subject presently  
in jail

ISADORE and ALICE BEGUN  
the former Bronx Organizer  
of the CP and a New York  
Smith Act subject and the latter  
a leader in the National  
Committee to Free the Rosenbergs

EMANUEL BLOCK  
chief Attorney for the  
ROSENBERGS

The informant, through his contacts, identified the following individuals in leadership in the National Office and District No. 2 of the CP:

CHARLES DIRBA  
in charge of the  
National Control Commission

RALPH GLICK  
head of the District No. 2  
Control Commission

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"STRETCH" JOHNSON  
and one BEN DAVIS, in  
charge of the District No. 2  
CP underground

JOSH LAWRENCE  
in charge of the Harlem  
Division

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY  
and CY GERSON in charge of  
the District No. 2  
open Party activities

WILLIAM WEINSTONE  
head of Jewish work in  
District No. 2

In addition to the above and in addition to obtaining information on current Party strategy and tactics, the informant was also instructed by BETTY GANNETT to instruct WILLIAM SENNETT, District No. 8 CP Open Organizer, to attend a meeting of open leaders of the CP on November 12, 1953 in New York.

The latter information was submitted to New York by teletype prior to the date the meeting was scheduled.

The informant, in addition, furnished the information that [redacted] previously reported by the informant to have been placed underground by the Party in upstate New York, has a wife in New York City and the wife reportedly had a baby.

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This information was also submitted to New York for possible assistance in locating [redacted]

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During this trip the informant, in his friendly conversation with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, was instructed by FOSTER to get the facts on the White Chauvinism charges against HERB MARCH, former member of the National Committee of the CP, for FOSTER.

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In November, 1953, the informant had two contacts with JOHN STEUBEN, editor of the "March of Labor" in Chicago and a prominent and influential Communist closely associated with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER for many years. During these meetings the informant was able to obtain considerable information concerning the operation of the "March of Labor", the reason why the headquarters are in Chicago, and the relation between the "March of Labor" and the Communist Party trade union movement.

STEUBEN additionally identified SAM KUSHNER, missing District No. 8 CP functionary as the Party underground trade union leader in this area. He told the informant that a meeting of CP trade union leaders would be held November 20, 1953 and indicated KUSHNER would be at this meeting.

As a result of this information, this office instituted efforts to attempt to locate KUSHNER as well as possible other underground leaders but for security reasons it was decided that STEUBEN could not be put under surveillance.

At the second meeting between the informant and STEUBEN, the informant learned what had occurred at the meeting and was furnished with the identity of one TOM KELLY of the Steel section of the CP who took STEUBEN to the above described meeting.

KUSHNER reportedly attended this meeting and, according to STEUBEN, KUSHNER uses KELLY and "other individuals in steel" like him for the purpose of bringing certain trade union leaders into contact with KUSHNER.

This information is being correlated and used by this office for lead purposes in efforts to locate KUSHNER and other underground Party leaders.

The full details and the information obtained through the contact with STEUBEN is set out in Chicago progress letters of November 23, 1953 and December 4, 1953.

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On November 19, 1953, the informant had contact with WILLIAM SENNETT, CP District 8 Open Organizer, for approximately 4½ hours. SENNETT in addition to discussing matters involving Party strategy and tactics within the district exhibited to the informant his typewritten notes consisting of eight single spaced pages on the November 12, 1953 CP open leaders conference in New York.

Informant, as a result of reading these notes, was able to report on the individuals who participated in this meeting and on the agenda and the discussion that followed during the meeting. The individuals identified as having attended this meeting were the following:

CLAUDIA JONES  
who reported on the Party  
program on peace.

ARNOLD JOHNSON  
who reported on civil rights

SY GERSON  
who reported on the elections

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
who participated in the  
discussion on practically  
every subject on the agenda  
but particularly on the subject  
of peace and the elections.

BETTY GANNETT  
who participated in the  
entire discussion

PETTIS PERRY  
who participated in the  
entire discussion

WILLIAM SENNETT  
who participated in the  
entire discussion

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One NUSSER (Phonetic)  
believed to be CHARLES  
NUSSER of New Jersey, and  
JAMES FORREST, of  
St. Louis

In connection with the above meeting and in addition to the above information obtained by the informant, the informant was advised by SENNETT that LEON KATZEN, missing CP underground finance functionary in District 8, is still in charge of district finances.

During November, 1953, the informant also had two contacts with HERB MARCH, former National Committee member of the CP, and presently an organizer for Armour Local No. 347, UPWA-CIO. These contacts were for the ostensible purpose of obtaining from MARCH, as per the request of FOSTER, certain information concerning the status of the charges against MARCH of White Chauvinism. During the course of these contacts the informant was able to obtain information concerning the status of prominent Communists in the Packinghouse Workers Union and of the influence of the Party in that union.

MARCH, in addition, told the informant that RALPH HELSTEIN, present head of the United Packinghouse Workers of America - CIO, after the informant had left District 8 in approximately 1946, had become a member of the CP for a short time. MARCH also told the informant about factionalism in the district and in addition identified RAY TILLMAN also a missing District No. 8 underground functionary as being the organizer of the Party in the Packinghouse industry.

On December 8, 1953 the informant had contact for a number of hours with CHARLES MITCHELL whom the informant had previously identified as having been assigned to the Party underground in June, 1953. During the conversation which lasted for approximately 4 1/2 hours MITCHELL told the informant that he had just been released from his underground assignment in charge of security work for District No. 8. MITCHELL told the informant about his responsibilities in connection with security work which included locating meeting places for the district board of the CP. He generally referred to two such type meeting places one of which he described as being in a motel about 120 miles away from Chicago and the other as being at a farm house approximately 90 to 100 miles from Chicago.

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During the course of the conversation, MITCHELL mentioned that he was well aware that the farmers in lower Michigan were dissatisfied and the informant, knowing MITCHELL is not acquainted with farming, concluded that one or both of the above described meeting places may have been in southern Michigan since MITCHELL indicated that he had recently obtained first hand knowledge of farm problems in that area.

In addition to the above information MITCHELL identified the present District No. 8 CP board to the informant as including the following:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT  
whom MITCHELL described as  
also being the District No. 8  
CP organizer

ED STARR

ALFRED WAGENKNECHT

DAVID ENGLESTEIN

One "JERRY"  
This individual from  
information now available  
appears to be Dr. JEREMIAH  
STAMLER.

MITCHELL also described to the informant certain factionalism existing in the District 8 Party board and also made the statement that neither LEON KATZEN nor SAM KUSHNER are presently members of the district board.

MITCHELL told the informant that at a recent meeting of the district board it was decided to give the open party leader (WILLIAM SENNETT) more authority in order to provide better security for the real underground apparatus but more particularly so that Party activities can be increased.

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MITCHELL also told the informant that it was decided by the district board that additional open leaders some of whom are now in the underground will be brought out in order to assist in the increased open Party activities.

The informant was also able to furnish information obtained from MITCHELL which identified the members of a sub-committee of the district to work on the coming 1954 Congressional elections.

The informant was also told by MITCHELL that he still controlled a considerable amount of Party reserve money but that he is attempting to locate an individual who will take over these funds (MITCHELL's bank account has been located and the account reflects deposits in excess of \$5,000 made during 1953).

On December 24, 1953 the informant had contact with HARRY MILLER, operator of a CP business in Chicago and an individual whom the informant, up to recent months, had used as a courier between Chicago and New York.

It was the first meeting between these individuals for several months, MILLER having been instructed by the informant for security reasons that he, MILLER, had learned that he and his business were under investigation. The meeting was friendly and MILLER gave the informant his customary Christmas gift. He also accepted a message from the informant for delivery to WILLIAM WEINER on the occasion of MILLER's next trip to New York which was scheduled for December 27, 1953.

On December 24, 1953 and January 1, 1954, the informant spent two full evenings with HARRY BRIDGES of the ILWU, San Francisco, during which time BRIDGES discussed with him two trips which BRIDGES had made to New York between December 20 and December 30, 1953 in connection with the International Longshoremens' Association's factional dispute.

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This information which is believed to be of extreme value to the Bureau was transmitted to the Bureau and New York by Airtel.

During the Christmas holidays, the informant and his wife saw many key Communists in the Chicago area as well as the wives of a number of individuals who are either Smith Act subjects underground or whose husbands are in jail following prosecutions. One of these contacts was SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, a close associate and a protege of the informant.

The purpose of these contacts was to create good will but primarily because the informant has reason to believe SUE KLING is in contact with her husband and he desires and knows that she will convey information to KLING that the informant is interested in the Party, that he is moving around, and that he is caring for the needs of certain key people whose husbands are underground.

On January 2, 1954 the informant had personal contact with PHIL KOSSOFF, until recently the District 8 Professional Division Organizer, and with PETER ALLAN LEVINE, former operator of the Custom Publishing Company, a Party business in Chicago.

The informant obtained much information concerning individuals in the Professional Section of the Party, concerning the present work and status of KOSSOFF, and also concerning LEVINE. Information was also developed that KOSSOFF remains in contact with LEON KATZEN, missing District 8 functionary.

On December 31, 1953, and on January 1, 1954, the informant had telephonic and personal contact with ELMER JOHNSON, former Chairman of District 7 at Detroit and also Chairman at Indianapolis. The reason for this contact was the fact that ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE, wife of JACK JOHNSTON, deceased former member of the National Committee of the CP, had died and he, JOHNSON, was in charge of burial arrangements in Chicago. JOHNSON told the informant that the Party desired to bury ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE in a plot which is in the name of the informant and ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, the latter of whom is a District No. 8 missing functionary. This lot is also intended for use for burial purposes of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER when he dies.



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JOHNSON desired to get the informant's permission to use a vacant lot for her burial and the informant advised JOHNSON that it was all right with him but that since FOSTER desired this lot for his own burial, it would be necessary to communicate with New York before final permission was granted.

In connection with the meeting of January 1, 1954 JOHNSON briefed the informant on his present work for the Party in the AF of L, on the work of JOHNSON's wife in the NAACP, and of the status of certain other comrades presently working in the AF of L.

As a result of the informant's position on the burial of ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE, the informant subsequently learned from WILLIAM SENNETT that the matter had been taken up by the district with FOSTER and that FOSTER had refused to release this lot and that the Party was authorized to buy a burial plot nearby.

It is pointed out that ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE [redacted] is a key subject in the Harbary case and Chicago was able to supply New York with information almost immediately following her death so that leads that might result from funeral arrangements might assist New York and Chicago in locating [redacted]

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On January 10, 1954, the informant had SUE KLING and her family visit the informant's residence for the day. The informant, during the conversation, was able to ascertain that SUE KLING is not presently in direct contact with her husband but that she has indirect communication with him. The informant's purpose in inviting her to his residence again was to convey to JACK KLING the informant's desire to see KLING.

Evaluation and  
Contemplated plans

Careful evaluation of the progress made by this informant towards reactivation at a national level and evaluation of the quality of information he has furnished during the six months indicates that the value of this informant has been clearly demonstrated. The information furnished by this informant is contained in five volumes by this office.

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It is believed that the quality of his contacts and the quantity and scope of the information he furnishes is such that it can be duplicated by few, if any, informants of the Bureau. The information is widely used in the National CP Office reports and in the District No. 8 reports as well as in CP - underground reports and on individual reports written in this office.

The leads suggested from the information on CP underground personnel are being followed by this office and it is believed positive tangible results will be in the making.

Specifically, the informant during the past six months has had contact with the following people having direct or indirect contact with individuals in the Party underground:

CHARLES MITCHELL

JOHN STEUBEN

WILLIAM SENNETT

PHIL KOSSOFF

IRWIN STEIN

SUE KLING

[redacted]  
[redacted] of ED STARR,  
member of District No. 8  
board and underground

MOLLIE LIEBER WEST  
wife of JIM WEST,  
presently underground

BETTY GANNETT

WILLIAM WEINER

MILTON COHEN  
Hyde Park Communist who  
indicated in December, 1953  
that he was doing some  
underground work

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It is apparent from the contact with these people and from the information the informant has obtained from them to date that he is trusted and that when he assumes an active official position he will be in an even better position to furnish high level information of a nature available to few, if any, of the Bureau informants.

On January 5, 1954, the informant and the agent who handles him had a discussion concerning future plans to place him at a high level in the Party. The informant on that date advised of a telephonic contact with NY 694-S who had stated that he had contact with WILLIAM WEINER during the past week. WEINER, on being informed by NY 694-S that CG 5824-S has not had his Party task concretized, was reportedly extremely surprised and made arrangements for the informant to have a definite appointment with BETTY GANNETT on or about January 14, 1954. Arrangements were made for the informant and NY 694-S to lay a business cover for this trip and the Bureau was advised of the above facts by airtel on January 11, 1954.

The informant advised that he also feels that such a trip must be made because he is attached nationally and must resolve his status with national party officers. He advised that he must have personal contact with BETTY GANNETT because he intends to raise certain pointed questions as to reasons why the underground leadership has not recontacted him and he also intends, if the opportunity appears right, to make certain charges against the District No. 8 leadership and for that reason should be present to defend himself.

The informant is prepared with facts to defend his position and will insist that his position be clarified and his tasks outlined.

Attitude and Health

The informant's mental attitude toward cooperation with the Bureau remains excellent. He is only restrained from taking more drastic and direct steps toward bringing himself to a high level by his judgment that to hurry or force the issue might cause suspicion.

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He has now carefully prepared a case against the underground and District 8 leadership and is prepared to present it to BETTY GANNETT if the Bureau authorizes the trip requested in Chicago airtel of January 11, 1954.

Informant's health remains about the same and he continues to energetically make his contacts and he never has cancelled an appointment with either the Party people or an agent for reasons of health.

#### Recommendations

Based on the current value of this informant and on the potential value of this informant on a national level in the Party it is recommended that the services of this informant be continued for an additional six month period beginning February 1, 1954 such payment to be made at the rate of \$800 per month to be used in the following manner: \$600 for living expenses including payments on his automobile at the rate of \$67 per month, \$100 for miscellaneous expenses including entertainment, ordinary travel, and literature, \$100 per month for payments on his large indebtedness incurred during a lengthy illness.

On December 1, 1953, a conference was held between the Special Agent in Charge and the informant at the informant's request. The informant advised at that time that he and his wife, on a basis of records kept by him, are now putting in approximately one-half of the amount furnished by the Bureau "back into the business" in one form or another. By this informant meant that he frequently has Party people at his residence for meals or visits them bringing gifts to children, flowers for sick people, etc.

Informant also uses approximately \$100 per month for necessary literature, books, magazines, and papers which he must necessarily read in order that he might be prepared to discuss matters raised in talks with comrades. He and his wife are regularly paying Party dues in amounts which exceed slightly the required amount because the Party functionaries are expected to make additional sacrifices.

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In addition to the above, it should be pointed out that the informant's tax bill, based on income received from the Bureau during the past year and due March 15, 1954, is roughly estimated at approximately \$2,000 which is a matter which should receive consideration. In connection with payments to him in these matters, it is being pointed out to explain in part how the monies received by this informant are currently being expended.

On January 11, 1954, as previously stated, Chicago submitted an Airtel to the Bureau advising that NY 694-S had laid a cover for a contemplated trip to New York in the event that a definite appointment with BETTY GANNETT could be arranged through a New York informant for sometime during the period January 14 to 22, 1954. This was done because it was believed that while WEINER is still living his influence should be used and also because the New York informant had advised that it appears that WEINER is anxious to get the matter of tangible assignments for the informant settled.

The matters the informant will point out to GANNETT and others with whom he talks has been previously set out.

In view of the present value of this informant to the New York Office concerning national, District No. 2, and District No. 8 Party activities and because there is reason to believe that the informant in the future will increase his value, it is the opinion of this office that the informant's services should be continued as previously set out. It is pointed out in that connection that the information being furnished by this informant, to the knowledge of this office, is not otherwise being duplicated through other available coverage and it is pointed out that the informant's information could not be obtained even though agent time far in excess of the value of payments being made to this informant was expended. It might be added that in this connection this informant's services are presently being compensated for by the Bureau on approximately the same basis as monies being paid for the services of one Grade 13 agent.

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January 15, 1954

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(Origin - Chicago)

Re report of SA [redacted] dated November 21, 1951 at Chicago, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Echo," "Ekho," "Dick;" ESPIONAGE - R, copies of which are available to the offices receiving copies of this letter.

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It is noted that unknown subject "ECHO" has since been identified as BERNARD SCHUSTER. Prior to this identification, investigation was conducted as set out in re report relative to unknown subject OLSEN, inasmuch as he had been a contact of unknown subject "ECHO." Consideration was given at that time as set out in re report to the possibility that MORRIS CHILDS and HELEN CHILDS might be unknown subject OLSEN and OLSEN's wife, respectively.

It is felt at this time, inasmuch as "ECHO" has been identified as BERNARD SCHUSTER, that a re-evaluation is in order concerning the possibility mentioned above that MORRIS CHILDS could be unknown subject OLSEN.

It will be recalled that [redacted] had advised in May, 1944 that PAVEL FEDOSIMOV, the MGB resident agent in New York City, had reported to Moscow, apparently in the manner of explanation, concerning a trip which BERNARD SCHUSTER had either recently taken or was about to take. FEDOSIMOV stated that OLSEN is the district leader of the Communist Party in Chicago. He stated that OLSEN's wife, who has been meeting [redacted] is also an active member of the Communist Party and met [redacted] on the instructions of the organization. (Organization probably refers to the Communist Party, although it may possibly refer to the MGB.) FEDOSIMOV then reported that it was his understanding that SCHUSTER could get something from OLSEN, [redacted] is of the opinion this something may be a letter) and that then one or the other of the MGB representatives will meet [redacted] and thereafter be able to

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strike up an acquaintance with him. [redacted] also advised on September 18, 1944 of a trip west and BERNARD SCHUSTER's vacation. It was reported that PHLOX left her husband for the [redacted] area. SCHUSTER was again mentioned and it was stated that there was only one to three weeks before her return.

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It will be further recalled that [redacted] advised that on December 5, 1944 MGB Headquarters in Moscow was told BERNARD SCHUSTER was directly in touch with PHLOX's husband and not with PHLOX herself. It was stated that the intention of sending the husband to see [redacted] was a superfluous stage for transmitting instructions. It is considered that PHLOX and OLSEN's wife are identical.

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It was established that MORRIS CHILDS was the district leader of the Communist Party in Illinois in 1944. He was the actual as well as the titular head of the Party. He has been a student at the Lenin School in Russia and has been identified by LOUIS BUDENZ as a Comintern agent who directed espionage activity in Chicago. He was reportedly connected with the O.G.P.U. while in Moscow, Russia. On the other hand, no definite information is available concerning Communist Party activity on the part of HELEN CHILDS. However, on May 21, 1950 [redacted] of known reliability, advised SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY that MORRIS CHILDS and his wife attended the Lenin School about 1930-31.

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The file on MORRIS CHILDS reflects him to have taken the following trips during the pertinent period:

May 20-23, 1944, he attended the National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, in New York City;

August 18, 1944, he was reported to have been recently on a two-week trip to Springfield, Illinois;

November 13, 1944, he was in New York City;

December 7-9, 1944, he was also in New York City;

December 18, 1944 to January 3, 1945, he was in Miami, Florida.

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BERNARD SCHUSTER is known to have left New York on November 20, 1944 making a trip to Mexico and returning to New York City on December 15, 1944.

It is apparent that MORRIS CHILDS was in a position to meet BERNARD SCHUSTER in New York City during May, 1944 and November, 1944, prior to SCHUSTER's departure for Mexico. This would have given SCHUSTER an opportunity to obtain whatever information he may have needed from CHILDS in relation to their possible mutual interest in [redacted] indicated by [redacted] material.

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Re report reflects HELEN CHILDS was in Chicago on July 25, 1944 and August 3, 1944. It further reflects she departed Chicago for Miami, Florida on about September 8, 1944. She was known to be in Miami on the following dates:

September 12 and 24, 1944;  
October 15, 1944;  
November 5, 12 and 23, 1944;  
December 17, 1944;  
February 4, 1945.

The fact that HELEN CHILDS was in the Chicago area and left for Miami on or about September 8, 1944 is consistent with [redacted] material to the effect that PHLOX left her husband for the [redacted] area during September, 1944.

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The fact that MORRIS CHILDS is known to have gone to Miami, Florida during the period December 18, 1944 to January 3, 1945 corresponds with [redacted] information to the effect there was an intention as of December 1, 1944 to send the husband (PHLOX's husband) to see [redacted] and that this was a superfluous stage for transmitting instructions. The fact that it was considered superfluous (possibly by MGB, Moscow) to send PHLOX's husband to see [redacted] in view of the fact that PHLOX was apparently in the [redacted] area, does not preclude the possibility that PHLOX's husband made the trip anyway.

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Re report also reflects that on May 5, 1945 MORRIS CHILDS told ESTHER and WILLIE (possibly WEINER) that HELEN CHILDS is "working hard - is waiting," and that "it looks fair."



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It is recognized these phrases could mean most anything; however, it could possibly apply concerning PHLOX's efforts via a-vis [redacted] on behalf of the MGB. It is noted that ESTHER and WILLIE WEINER are related to HELEN CHILDS and that WEINER was an active CP functionary out of the New York area.

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It should be noted moreover that MORRIS CHILDS has denied any complicity in Soviet intelligence activities and that HELEN CHILDS has denied any complicity in Soviet intelligence and/or CP activities.

If any credence can be lent to this analysis, then the [redacted] area would be the Miami, Florida area. Unknown subject [redacted] should be an individual in contact with HELEN CHILDS in that area. This individual should also be acquainted with MORRIS CHILDS and the purpose of MORRIS CHILDS' trip to Miami in December, 1944, should have been to meet with [redacted].

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*2. He was at least in contact with [redacted] to Miami or vice versa to see his father son.*  
The New York office is requested to search its indices against the name of MORRIS CHILDS and to review its file on BERNARD SCHUSTER in a specific effort to establish a contact between MORRIS CHILDS and BERNARD SCHUSTER during the periods CHILDS visited New York, as mentioned above.

*Deep info*  
The New York office is also requested to recontact [redacted] and ask him for full identifying particulars concerning the individual he stated attended the Lenin School in 1930-31, and whom he described as the wife of MORRIS CHILDS.

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*we have this*  
The Miami office is requested to search its indices concerning MORRIS CHILDS in an effort to establish all possible contacts that MORRIS CHILDS made while in Miami, Florida during December, 1944 to January, 1945.

*Is their necessity in view of what [redacted] know?*  
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The Chicago office will upon receipt of results of investigation requested above consider the advisability of requesting a simultaneous interview of MORRIS and HELEN CHILDS relative to the purposes of their contacts made during the pertinent period while these individuals were in Chicago, Miami, and in the case of MORRIS CHILDS, also in New York. At the moment, it appears this would be the most direct way to clarify the matter: forthright, relatively consistent statements on the part of MORRIS and HELEN CHILDS would tend

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to indicate they may not be identical with unknown subject  
OLSEN and unknown subject PHLOX. Flagrant inconsistency  
would tend to indicate deliberate concealment of known facts  
and probably for cause.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 1-19-54

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

On 1-18-54 the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered 11/ 1-1-54 thru 1-15-54 at the Chatham hotel and the receipt obtained was turned in to the Secy of the ASAC. Informant was also paid the sum of \$250. as an advance for necessary expenses to be incurred in connection with his 1-18-54 trip to NY and the receipt was also obtained and turned in.

*auth 7-28-53**1-14-54 - Re Trip -*

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 1-19-54

FROM : SA C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: C 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 1-18-54 personal

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

134-46 (Re NY Airj. arrangements)  
 100-1826 (Herb Marsh)  
 100 - Ray Tillman  
 61-867 (Claude Fugatefoot)  
 100 - Sam Kashner.

100-21222 (CP Undergroup)  
 100-8009 (UPWA-CO)  
 100 - See Klein,  
 100 - Lena. Delmer  
 100-125-

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓

positive on all of above  
 to be disseminated to Jaly  
 File + A 134-46

## PERSONAL DATA:

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CG 5824-S; [ ] BUFILE 61-7665 AND BUFILE 100-12564.

[ ] WAS ADVISED BY CG 5824-S BY PHONE 1/20 INSTANT THAT HE HAD CONTACTED WITH BETTY GANNETT ON 1/19 LAST AND THAT THINGS ARE "ALL RIGHT." HE HAS SCHEDULED ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH GANNETT FOR 1/27 NEXT. CG 5824-S AT SAME TIME REQUESTED [ ] TO COME TO NY AND SAID THAT SHE WAS ALSO TO SEE GANNETT WITH HIM ON 1/27 NEXT.

[ ] HAS ARRANGED TO DEPART ON VACATION TIME VIA NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD, ON THE "COMMODORE", 4:00 PM 1/22 NEXT, TO ARRIVE 1/23 NEXT, 9:00 AM. NO COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO [ ] FOR EXPENSES; HOWEVER, THIS INFORMANT IN THE 1930'S WAS A FUNCTIONARY ON DIST. #8 WITH CG 5824-S, AND IS PRESENTLY A DUES PAYING MEMBER OF THE PARTY, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONTACT OF THESE INFORMANTS WITH GANNETT MAY BE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO PLACING BOTH INFORMANTS IN PARTY POSITIONS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SINCE [ ] IS MAKING TRIP IN THE SOLE INTEREST OF THE BUREAU, THAT RAILWAY AND PULLMAN EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118.12 SHOULD BE PAID TO HER, AND

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cc: 2-New York (AM-REGISTERED)  
(134- CG 5824-S)  
(134-91 NY-694-S)

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**AUTHORITY IS ASKED TO PAY THIS AMOUNT. FOR INFO OF BUREAU,**  
**[REDACTED] IN CONTACT WITH WILLIAM SENNETT, DIST. #8 OPEN**  
**ORGANIZER, 1/20 INSTANT, WAS ADVISED THAT HE AND MOLLIE LIEBER**  
**WEST, ALSO DIST. #8 OPEN FUNCTIONARY, WILL BE IN NY THIS WEEKEND.**  
**CO 5824-S ADVISED ON 1/19 LAST THAT HE WAS TOLD BY GANNETT THAT**  
**SENNETT IS IN LINE FOR A "BIG PARTY" POSITION.**

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1-20-54

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CP USA DASH ORGANIZATION, IS C. CGO FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S HAS ADVISED THAT HIS RECEPTION BY BETTY GANNETT ON JAN NINETEEN WAS QUOTE VERY GOOD UNQUOTE. HE CONSIDERS FOLLOWING INFO FROM GANNETT TO BE OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST.. GANNETT WILL CONDUCT VERY IMPORTANT MEETING IN NYC, PLACE NOT SPECIFIED, OVER WEEKEND OF JAN TWENTYTWO TO TWENTYFIVE AT WHICH TIME QUOTE NEW SYSTEM OF CP LEADERSHIP UNQUOTE WILL BE DISCUSSED. WILLIAM SENNETT, CP FUNCTIONARY IN CHICAGO, WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. INFT ALSO BELIEVES ANOTHER CHICAGO FUNCTIONARY MAY ACCOMPANY SENNETT, POSSIBLY SAM KUSHNER. ACCORDING TO GANNETT, FAILURE TO COMPLETELY REACTIVATE CGO FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S IS DUE TO ARREST OF ROBERT THOMPSON WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATION OF NEW CP ORGANIZATION. GANNETT ALSO STATED THAT NEW POLICY WILL REQUIRE ALL PRESENT QUOTE UNAVAILABLES UNQUOTE TO DISAPPEAR COMPLETELY FOR MONTHS AT A TIME AND TO SET UP ALL CONTACT WITH CP DURING SUCH PERIOD. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED BY PHILA THAT JOSEPH ROBERTS, ROBERT KLONSKY, THOMAS NABRIED AND BENJAMIN WEISS HAVE OBTAINED AUTHORITY TO TRAVEL FROM PHILA TO NY ON JAN TWENTYTWO AND REMAIN UNTIL JAN TWENTYSIX, THEIR TEMPORARY ADDRESS

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TO BE DIXIE HOTEL, NYC. NY HAS ADVISED BUREAU THAT GANNETT HAS  
ARRANGED FOR HENRY HUFF OF SEATTLE TO COME TO NY ON JAN TWENTYTHREE.  
NYO HAS ALERTED ALL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS FOR ADDITIONAL DATA ON  
MEETING. IN THIS CONNECTION CGO FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S STATES THAT  
HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HE IS TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND INSTANT MEETING.  
NYO IS CONSIDERING DISCREET FISUR OF GANNETT ON JANUARY TWENTYTHREE  
AND OF GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, NY STATE TRADE UNION SECRETARY, DURING  
LATTER PART OF JANUARY TWENTYTWO. IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD ROBERTS,  
LKONSKY, NABRIED AND WEISS WILL CONFER WITH GANNETT BUREAU AUTHORITY  
IS REQUESTED TO SURVEY DIXIE HOTEL WITH VIEW TO VINYR POSSI ROCTG  
INSTALLATION IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF CONFERENCE AND ITS  
DETAILS. MANAGEMENT OF DIXIE HOTEL IS COOPERATIVE AND HAS ADVISED  
THAT NO RESERVATION HAS BEEN MADE. UPON ARRIVAL AT DIXIE ON  
JAN TWENTYTWO ROBERTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO DISCREET FISUR. CHICAGO  
REQUESTED TO ALERT ITS INFORMANTS FOR INFO RE TRAVEL PLANS OF SENNETT  
AND KUSHNER. PHILA WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGE IN TRAVEL  
PLANS OF SUBJECTS FROM THAT CITY. BUREAU REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE  
ADVICE RE VINYR POSSI ROCTG.

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DIRECTOR AND PHILA ADVISED

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Director, FBI (61-7665)

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January 20, 1954

SAC, Chicago (134-46)

CG-5824-S

Re Chicago letter dated 1/15/54 entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Olsen (Sovme); ESPIONAGE - R" in which certain information made available by [redacted] concerning Unknown Subject "Olsen" was compared with certain information relative to MORRIS CHILDS' activities. In this letter, points of similarity alone were emphasized in order to point out that CHILDS was one of several logical candidates for Unsub Olsen. Other candidates are also under consideration in the investigation of the Unknown Subject "Olsen" case.

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No effort was made to show the plausible explanations provided by CHILDS in relation to certain of these comparisons. The leads set out in referenced letter are calculated to furnish some outside corroboration of the episodes in issue. For example, in relation to his visits to Miami and his wife's visits to Chicago, CHILDS has acknowledged an annual pattern of such visits to his wife and son ever since their separation in 1938. Further, in relation to his wife's attendance in the Lenin School, CHILDS has stated that she attended some classes, but was never an enrolled student at the Lenin School. In short, the referenced letter, perforce, pointed up the reasons why CHILDS should be considered one of several candidates for "Olsen".

This informant is considered reliable and it is not intended that relet should question informant's reliability. It is considered, however, that all avenues of inquiry re "Olsen" must, perforce, be followed. It is again noted that the informant has furnished a wealth of information concerning Communist activities. He has stated that he has never been a part of the C. P. Intelligence Apparatus, but that he has known Soviet Agents and others close to their operations. He has stated he has referred people on request to the C. P. Apparatus and to Soviet Intelligence and has identified these individuals for the Bureau, but has not personally engaged in such activities.

It is requested that this letter be given consideration along with relet of January 15, 1954.

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TO : SAC, [redacted]

DATE: 1-22-54

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 1-21- by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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100-125

100. Sam Kushner

100-3960 (Wm Sennett)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] talked to (95824-S by phone from my. 5824-S advised he had contact on 1-21 with Peggy Dennis. Also he was told that Sam Kushner is now head of local Underground & Wm Sennett Open leader with Auth

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Sennett in talk with [redacted] on 1/20 said my trip this weekend with Mallie best is to go to an open affair. [redacted] leave for my 4 PM 1-22-54

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PERSONAL DATA:

(5824 info found will be disseminated when [redacted] first hand to sub files)

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 1-22-54

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 1-20-54 per [redacted]

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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100-3960 (W<sup>m</sup> Sennett.)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] Received phone call from Cg 5824-S from [redacted] on 1-20-54. He said things going all right. 10<sup>m</sup> Sennett going to my again this weekend - He is getting big party job. 5824-S saw Betty Gannett on 1-19- + he [redacted] and to see her again on 1-27- 5824-S requested that [redacted] be in my.

[redacted] Saw W<sup>m</sup> Sennett 1-20- He said reason he has not seen 5824-S is security. He being followed by FBI - He was 7:20<sup>m</sup> subject in my press weekend. He said he & Mollie West going to my this weekend. Told [redacted] not to come to [redacted] for security. Asked [redacted] if she is being followed for dissemination to 134-46 - [redacted] + sub files.

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*Freeman advised 9:30A 1-23-54 JH*

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CG 5824-S. [ ] REURTEL JANUARY TWENTY, LAST. AUTHORITY  
GRANTED PAY EXPENSES NECESSARILY INCURRED [ ] FOR TRIP TO  
NEW YORK IN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND TWELVE  
CENTS.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JANUARY 26, 1954

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REURLET JANUARY EIGHTEEN  
LAST. BASED UPON YOUR RECOMMENDATION, AUTHORITY IS  
GRANTED TO CONTINUE PAYMENTS TO INFORMANT FOR AN ADDITIONAL  
PERIOD SIX MONTHS, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY ONE, NEXT, AT RATE  
OF EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS OF  
WHICH IS FOR LIVING EXPENSES, INCLUDING PAYMENTS ON  
AUTOMOBILE; ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR MISCELLANEOUS  
EXPENSES, TO INCLUDE ENTERTAINMENT, ORDINARY TRAVEL AND  
LITERATURE; AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR PAYMENTS  
ON INFORMANT'S INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED DURING HIS ILLNESS.  
CONTINUE TO CAREFULLY HANDLE INFORMANT TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM  
BENEFIT FROM EXPENDITURE THIS SUM AND BE CERTAIN THAT ALL  
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INFORMANT IS CHANNELIZED AND  
APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN. TWO WEEKS PRIOR EXPIRATION  
AUTHORIZED PERIOD SUBMIT INFORMATIVE SUMMARY, TOGETHER  
WITH RECOMMENDATION CONTINUATION THIS ARRANGEMENT.

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SAC (100-3960)

January 28, 1954

SA CARL N. FRIYMAN

WILLIAM SENNETT  
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On January 20, 1954, [ ] orally advised the writer that WILLIAM SENNETT was at the Modern Book Store on that date and that he had personal contact with SENNETT and had learned the following:

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SENNETT advised the informant that he has not been in touch with CG 5824-S of recent date because the FBI has had him under surveillance. He said that when he left for New York on the weekend of January 15, 1954 he was followed by the FBI both in Chicago and New York. He instructed the informant that he should not come up to the book store unless absolutely necessary for security reasons.

In commenting on the recent Bureau fisurs SENNETT told the informant that the recent surveillances are the first time he, to his knowledge, has been under surveillance in some time. He said that the recent surveillances lead him to believe that Smith Act arrests are imminent in the Chicago area. Informant was asked if he had noted any surveillances and replied in the negative. SENNETT cautioned the informant to be careful when he made contacts with SENNETT at the book store.

SENNETT next told the informant that he and MOLLY LIEBLER WEST were again going to New York on the weekend of January 22, 1954. He indicated that as of that date he had not made reservations for travel.

It is pointed out that the above contact was made by this high placed informant with no other persons present and the information contained in this memo must be carefully handled and paraphrased in such a way as to afford this informant and CG 5824-S with maximum security. Should SENNETT or any of the persons closely associated with him be interviewed, there should be no reference made to the contents of this memo.

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100-18952 (CP security measures)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (134-46)

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: January 28, 1954

On January 20, 1954, [ ] orally advised the writer that she had been in contact with CG 5824-S, who is in New York, by telephone on January 20 instant.

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CG 5824-S had advised this informant that he had seen BETTY GANNETT on the evening of January 19, 1954 and was scheduled to again see her on the evening of January 27, 1954. He told the informant the things in New York were "all right".

CG 5824-S requested [ ] to come to New York by rail on January 22, 1954 because she too was scheduled to see GANNETT on January 27. [ ] advised the writer that she would proceed to New York by New York Central on January 22 next to arrive in New York at 9:00 a.m. on January 23 next.

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No commitments were made to [ ] with regard to the assumption by the Bureau of the cost of her trip. An airtel, however, was directed to the Bureau on the above date advising of the request of the New York informant and of the appointment of [ ] with BETTY GANNETT on January 27, 1954 and a request for authority to reimburse her for train and Pullman expenses was made.

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FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, CHICAGO. BUFILE SIX ONE DASH SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE, CHICAGO FILE ONE THREE FOUR DASH FOUR SIX. INFORMANT AND WIFE LEAVING NYC VIA NEW YORK CENTRAL, TRAIN NUMBE SIX SEVEN, ARRIVING CHICAGO EIGHT THIRTY A.M., CHICAGO TIME, THIRTY FIRST INSTANT. INFORMANT DESIRES AGENT CARL FREYMAN AT CHICAGO BY NOTIFIED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 2-2-54

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On 2-1-54 the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$400. for services rendered 1-16-54 thru 1-31-54 at the Chatham Hotel and the receipt obtained is being turned in to the ASAC'S office. Auth 7-28-53 6 mos.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7465)(100-12564) REGISTERED

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CG-5824-S; [REDACTED] INFORMANT CONTACTED FEB. ONE, INSTANT, FOLLOWING RETURN FROM THIRTEEN DAY STAY IN NEW YORK WHERE HE HAD CONTACT WITH 18 LEADING PEOPLE IN NATIONAL CP OFFICE & IN DIST. NO. TWO, INCLUDING BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM SEINER, & PEGGY DENNIS. INFORMANT STATED THE TRIP WAS TIMELY & WAS BELIEVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL BOTH FOR HIM & [REDACTED] INsofar AS REACTIVATION & INFO.

OBTAINED ARE CONCERNED. INFORMANT WAS INSTRUCTED BY GANNETT TO ATTACH HIMSELF TO A LEADING DIST. NO. EIGHT COMMITTEE & TO WORK OUT DETAILS WITH WILLIAM SENNETT, DIST. NO. EIGHT OPEN ORGANIZER. INFORMANT MAINTAINS NATIONAL OFFICE CONTACT IN CONNECTION WITH ASSIGNMENT & IS RESPONSIBLE TO GANNETT. MATTERS RE TASKS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT IN DETAIL IN CONFERENCE WITH SENNETT SCHEDULED FOR FEB. FIVE, NEXT. GANNETT BRIEFED INFORMANT ON "NEW SYSTEM OF LEADERSHIP" WHICH MEANS THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE THAT "OPERATIVE LEADERSHIP" IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO OPEN PARTY ON DAY TO DAY BASIS TO ACCELERATE MORE OPEN PARTY ACTIVITY. "OPERATIVE LEADERSHIP" WILL BE RECRUITED FROM UNDERGROUND "RESERVE" & WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DAY TO DAY CONTACTS BUT NOT UNNECESSARILY EXPOSED. AUTHORITY TO MAKE DAY TO DAY DECISIONS IS TRANSFERRED FROM UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP TO "OPERATIVE LEADERSHIP". UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP IS TO BE GREATLY REDUCED BUT UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP KEPT UNDER WILL RECEIVE GREATER SECURITY PROTECTION BECAUSE UNDER NEW ORGANIZATION SETUP THERE WILL BE A MOST COMPLETE DIVISION BETWEEN THE UNDERGROUND & "OPERATIVE LEADERSHIP" SETUPS. AS A RESULT OF

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THESE ORGANIZATION DECISIONS, INFORMANT WAS TOLD THAT CONTACTS WITH UNDERGROUND LEADERS MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BE <sup>SEEN</sup> ~~ADDED~~ EVEN LESS FREQUENTLY THAN BEFORE. NATIONAL REGISTERS RED PARTY MEMBERSHIP FIGURE FURNISHED BY GANNETT AS BEING A LITTLE OVER FIVE THOUSAND. SHE EXPLAINED THAT FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE UNDERGROUND MEMBERS & INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED TO SHOP UNITS AFFILIATED ONLY WITH THE CP UNDERGROUND. NO FIGURES GIVEN AS TO SIZE OF LAST TWO GROUPS. PARTY, ACCORDING TO GANNETT, UP TO NOW HAS ONLY REGISTERED ACTIVE CP PEOPLE. PARTY NOW INTENSIFYING RECRUITING & SEES POSSIBILITY OF REGISTERING THREE TO FOUR TIMES PRESENT REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP. SHE ADVISED THAT FIFTY PER CENT OF FORMER PARTY FUNCTIONARIES ARE PRESENTLY OUT OF CIRCULATION, THAT IS, ON TRIAL, UNDERGROUND, HAVE DROPPED AWAY, OR BEEN LOST. PARTY INTENTIONS ARE TO SEE IF IT CAN RECOVER SOME LOSSES OF LEADERSHIP FROM THESE CATEGORIES. "NEW DRAFT PROGRAM OF CP" WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN ABOUT A MONTH. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THREE MONTH DISCUSSION PERIOD. PROGRAM TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC SITUATION, PEACE, ELECTION SITUATION, AND POTENTIAL REALIGNMENTS. WHILE PROGRAM WILL RAISE QUESTION OF SOCIALISM, EMPHASIS WILL BE ON ELECTION. PROGRAM WILL SPEAK OF NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR ELECTIONS BUT IS DESIGNED FOR FIFTYSIX ELECTIONS. IT WILL URGE WORK WITH DEMOCRATIC PARTY BUT WILL EMPHASIZE WORK AMONG THE LABOR AND POOR CLASSES PRIOR WITHOUT DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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THROUGH INDEPENDENT POLITICAL GROUPS SUCH AS P&C, AF OF L POLITICAL GROUPS, IVI, ETC. AIM IS TO CAUSE OUTSIDE PRESSURE ON DEMOCRATIC PARTY PROGRAM & CANDIDATES TO MAKE DEMOCRATIC PARTY A BROAD "PEOPLE'S PARTY", BY FIFTYSIX. INFORMANT DID NOT ATTEND CP OPEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON JAN, TWENTYTWO, LAST, IN NEW YORK BUT ABOVE WERE STATED BY GANNETT AS PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE PUT FORTH AT CONFERENCE. INFORMANT WAS TO HAVE RECEIVED REPORT ON CONFERENCE AS WELL AS IDENTITY OF NEW OPEN DIST. NO. EIGHT LEADERSHIP DECIDED ON AT THIS MEETING FROM GANNETT <sup>AT</sup> THE MEETING OF JAN, TWENTYSEVEN, LAST. MEETING WAS CANCELLED BY GANNETT FOR SECURITY REASONS. RESCHEDULED MEETING WITH GANNETT ON JAN, TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYFOUR, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY [REDACTED] AND PROCEEDED ABOUT AN HOUR & FIFTEEN MINUTES WHEN GANNETT BECAME ILL & FAINTED. AFTER AN HOUR OF ATTEMPTING TO REVIVE HER, INFORMANT & [REDACTED] SENT HER HOME IN CAB. TOLD THE INFORMANT TO SEE WILLIAM SENNETT RE CONFERENCE & FINAL DECISIONS RE DIST. NO. EIGHT OPERATIVE LEADERSHIP ON RETURN OF INFORMANT TO CO. [REDACTED] ARRANGED THIS MEETING WITH SENNETT P R CO-5424-S FOR FEB, FIVE, NEXT. SENNETT, IN SPEAKING TO [REDACTED] ON FEB, ONE, INSTANT, TOLD HER THAT PARTY EXPECTS SMITH ACT ARRESTS IN CO AT ANY TIME & THAT IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING HE WILL HAVE WITH CO-5524-S ON FEB, FIVE, FIFTYFOUR, DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT FOR [REDACTED] TO TAKE OVER SOME OF PARTY FUND WORK FORMERLY DONE BY LEON KATZEN, CP DIST. NO. EIGHT UNDERGROUND FINANCE FUNCTIONARY.

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INTERVIEW OF  RE TRIP WILL BE CONTINUED WHEN SECURITY PERMITS.  
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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 2/3/54

FROM : SA C. H. Freyman

SUBJECT: 95824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 2-3-54

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - 125  
100 - Chas Mitchell

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓Info Re Mitchell Ct. Security of  
2/2/54to be disseminated to Saly  
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TO : SAC, 134-46

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FROM : SA *Q. N. Fryman*SUBJECT: *695824-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: *2-1-54 personal*

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100-2398 CPUSA**100-Betty Gannett (622)**100-11664  
(Chas Rieiro)**100-Wm Weiner**100-21222 CP Underground**100-Phil Best*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

*Goek & Joe Klein & others*

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

*neg on**100-26865**Joe Stack*

*Results of Wf. Trip 1-18 - thru 1-30-54*  
*Discussed in detail Re. Ctr with Betty*  
*Gannett, Wm Weiner, Wm Lawrence &*  
*others - Discussion to be continued*  
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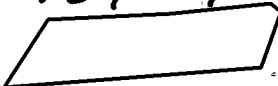
FROM : SA E. H. Fryman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

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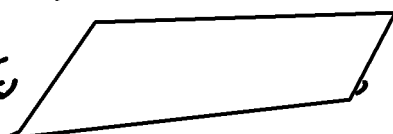
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February 3, 1954

SAC, Chicago (134-46)

CG 5824-S

Re Chicago letter to Director dated January 18, 1954 summarizing the informant's activities and information furnished for the six month period through January 10, 1954.

The following is a summary of the activities and information furnished by this informant during the period January 11 through 25, 1954:

On January 12, 1954, the informant advised that on January 9, 1954, he instructed [redacted] to visit the Modern Book Store, Communist Party outlet for literature in the Chicago area, and to pay their dues for December, 1953 to WILLIAM SENNETT, Communist Party District #8 open organizer.

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SENNETT told [redacted] to tell CG 5824-S that he had been unable to see the informant during the previous week as had been requested by CG 5824-S because he, SENNETT, had to go to Michigan on the previous Sunday. He told [redacted] to tell the informant that the informant's message concerning the understanding of the Party leadership that the funeral lot near the monument of the Haymarket Massacre victims was to be used for burial of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and that before ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE, wife of JACK JOHNSTONE, could be buried there, it must be cleared with the national office of the Party, had been transmitted to New York.

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SENNETT said that as a result of the informant's suggestion, the national office had declined to permit the burial of ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE in this lot but had authorized the purchase of another lot for her burial in the vicinity of the Haymarket Monument.

It will be noted that in connection with SENNETT's statement that he had been in Michigan on the

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previous Sunday, this office is developing a considerable amount of information along the same lines which indicates that Party underground leadership in the Chicago area is meeting at intervals somewhere in lower Michigan.

On the same date, the informant exhibited a letter received by the informant on January 8, 1954 from LENA SCHFRER, a prominent New York Communist. She told the informant that her brother-in-law, HOWARD BOLDT, who has recently been discharged at the "Daily Worker" offices in New York where he had worked for over twenty years, is presently looking for work. He further stated that many people in the New York area are shocked to hear that BOLDT had been discharged by the paper.

She added that if BOLDT is unable to find regular employment in his own trade, BARNY JOSEPHSON has agreed to give him a job in his new restaurant which will be opened in the near future.

She stated further that she had recently seen EMANUEL BLOCH, Chief Attorney for the ROSENBERGs, who had just returned from a countrywide tour seeking funds for the ROSENBERG children. He told her that he had accumulated \$50,000 which he had set aside for a trust fund for these children and that he had set a goal to raise \$75,000. He told SCHFRER that the children have now been placed with a couple in New York and that the children are now in a Quaker school.

On the same date, the informant advised he had been in touch with MILTON and SUP COHEN, prominent Hyde Park Communists, on January 9 and 11, 1954. The informant was told that MILT COHEN had been operated on for a lung condition on January 2, 1954 and had returned to his home on January 9, 1954.

These individuals are among the informant's chief sources of information concerning the Hyde Park Section of the Communist Party and also matters pertaining to District #8 policies and leadership. The contact with the COHENs is

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maintained for this reason and the informant had contact with them on the dates indicated to further his close association with them.

On the same date, the informant advised that he had personal contact on January 8, 1954 with [redacted] a Communist attorney in the Chicago area. This was the first meeting that the informant had had with this individual in a number of years and [redacted] was most anxious to see the informant and to discuss personal and Party problems with him.

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She told the informant that the Party had pressed charges of white chauvinism and factionalism against her and that these charges had been hanging over her head for some time. She told the informant that CHARLES HOWARD, a negro attorney formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, and formerly a national leader of the Progressive Party, had been the instigator of these charges.

She stated that HOWARD had left Des Moines because he was in trouble and feared disbarment and when he came to Chicago, she had offered him office space. As a result of certain legal practices which he had engaged in while occupying office space with her, she had criticized HOWARD and the charges against her resulted from this criticism.

She stated that she had made a special trip to New York to see Party leaders in an effort to iron out these matters but that she had been unable to see the leadership that might straighten out these matters. She described HOWARD as either an F.B.I. plant or a crook.

[redacted] indicated that she was most anxious to see the informant at a future date and it was agreed by the informant that they would see each other at a pre-arranged place sometime in the near future.

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The informant on the same date advised that on January 8, 1954 he had personal contact with JANE MARCH, wife of HERB MARCH, former national committee member of the Communist Party. The informant's conversation with JANE MARCH was brief

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but she told the informant about the difficulties both she and her husband were having since her husband has been under charges by the Party. She said that some of the comrades are even afraid to meet with her and her husband because of the "vicious rumors" that are being circulated about them by the Party.

She told the informant that her husband is most anxious to see the informant and indicated that he would be in contact with the informant within the next few days.

On January 12, 1954, the informant also advised that on January 8, 1954, he had personal contact with Dr. [redacted] a dentist, [redacted] Chicago. This individual, according to the informant, had been recommended to him a number of years ago by either PHIL KUSSOFF, then professional organizer of the Communist Party, or by Dr. SOLOMAN PEARLMAN, a Party doctor in the Chicago area.

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The informant advised that [redacted] knew of the informant's Party connection and immediately began discussing the case of HERB MARCH with the informant because the MARCHs are also patients of his and JANE MARCH had recently sought his professional services. [redacted] indicated that he was familiar with the fact that Party charges had been pressed against HERB MARCH and for that reason he sought the informant's advice as to whether or not he should continue to serve the MARCH family professionally.

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During the conversation, [redacted] complained about sectarianism in the Party and also asked the informant's advice concerning certain matters on the Party line on the negro question. The informant does not know of his own personal knowledge that this individual is a Communist Party member.

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However, investigation by this office has reflected that HENRY AARON, a Smith Act subject of the Indianapolis Office, for a time lived with [redacted] and further that [redacted] and [redacted] missing Communist Party people believed to be in the Party underground at the present time, are also personal friends of Dr. [redacted]

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It is not known whether the informant will be able to cultivate his acquaintance with Dr. [ ] to a point where his services to the Bureau through the obtaining of information from [ ] will be increased.

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On January 12, 1954, the informant also furnished the information which he had obtained from a personal contact with PHIL KOSSOFF on January 2, 1954 to the effect that the Party has separated Dr. I. H. SHAPIRO, former professional organizer of the Communist Party, from open Party activity in order for him to work in mass organizations and also as KOSSOFF put it, to allow him to do "other work" more effectively. The informant interpreted the latter remark to mean that SHAPIRO has been assigned to do some Party apparatus work.

The informant also pointed out at the same time that SHAPIRO for years has been a close friend and associate of LEON KATZEN, District #8 Financial Secretary for a number of years, and suggested that the possibility exists that SHAPIRO's present assignment has something to do with work for KATZEN.

On the same date, the informant identified photos of one MARY DALTON as being identical with the MARY DALTON whom he knew as a short term course student at the Lenin School in either 1930 or 1931 and furnished some background information concerning her which might lead to her identification.

On January 13, 1954, the informant advised that he had been in contact by telephone with NY 694-S on that date. With regard to arrangements which NY 694-S had been attempting to make for CG 5824-S to personally see BETTY GANNETT of the National Office of the Communist Party.

NY 694-S advised the informant that he had been unable to get in touch with LEM HARRIS who was to make arrangements for this meeting and had been told by HARRIS' wife that HARRIS was out of town and would be back in the city for four or five days.

On January 13, 1954, the informant telephonically advised that he had just received a telephone call from LEM HARRIS who was then in Chicago. HARRIS told the informant

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that he would only be in Chicago for a short time and would be unable to see the informant personally, but expected to see the informant in New York within the next week or two. He told the informant that he was seeing LILLIAN GREEN, wife of GIL GREEN, Smith Act Confug, within the next few minutes.

He stated that the main reason why he was calling the informant was because he had "loused up" the informant's appointment which he had arranged with BETTY GANNETT for January 14, 1954 in New York. He said that he had not gotten in touch with NY 694-S to tell NY 694-S of the appointment of CG 5824-S because he had forgotten about it until he had reached Chicago.

He asked the informant if he could get to <sup>NEW YORK</sup> ~~Chicago~~ to keep this appointment and when told by the informant that this would be impossible, he told the informant that he would call NY 694-S in New York and ask NY 694-S to stand in for CG 5824-S on January 14, 1954 to keep the appointment with GANNETT. HARRIS told the informant that he would tell NY 694-S to tell BETTY GANNETT that he assumes the entire blame for failure to advise NY 694-S of the appointment she had with CG 5824-S in time for the Chicago informant to be in New York.

He said further that he would instruct NY 694-S that when he sees GANNETT, he should arrange for her to see CG 5824-S no later than January 21, 1954. He said further that he brought regards to the informant from WILLIAM WINER whom he said is in bad shape physically. HARRIS did not advise the informant where he was staying but advised the informant that he was moving around considerably.

On January 15, 1954, the informant telephonically advised that he had another telephone call from NY 694-S late on January 14, 1954 concerning the contact of NY 694-S with BETTY GANNETT on the evening of January 14, 1954.

CG 5824-S was told by NY 694-S that GANNETT was shocked because as she put it, she had accepted a date to see CG 5824-S as soon as LFM HARRIS had proposed it and had indicated that she wanted an early meeting with CG 5824-S. NY 694-S told CG 5824-S that he had hinted to BETTY GANNETT

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that PHIL BART had not seen CG 5824-S recently. GANNETT, according to NY 694-S, said that she would see the informant on January 19, 1954 in the evening but that she could not see him later than that for a week or two because her schedule was heavy during that period. NY 694-S told CG 5824-S that BETTY GANNETT's reaction to the possibility of seeing CG 5824-S on January 19, 1954 was good.

On January 18, 1954, the agent had personal contact with CG 5824-S at which time the informant's plans for his New York trip were thoroughly discussed and the informant advised that he hoped to see the following people in addition to GANNETT:

✓ WILLIAM WEINER

✓ LENA and MARCEL SCHERER,  
Prominent New York Communists

✓ WILLIAM LAWRENCE,  
District #2 Cultural Division Director

✓ MARTIN YOUNG,  
Former Member of the National  
Committee of the Communist Party

✓ HARRY HAYWOOD,  
Member of the National Negro Commission

✓ LEM HARRIS,  
Connected with the Communist Party  
National Financial Office

✓ JEREMIAH INGERSOLL,  
Used by Communist Party in  
Connection with CP Financial Matters

✓ JOHN STEUBEN,  
Editor of "March of Labor," New York

✓ PETTIS PERRY,  
Member of the National Committee  
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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER,  
National Chairman of the  
Communist Party

In connection with the trip, the informant advised that his first contact will be with BETTY GANNETT and on a basis of discussions with her, he will decide how far he can press his point of "inactivity" as a national leader of the Communist Party. He said that if the opportunity offers, he may make a few statements concerning his connections or lack thereof with the District #8 Communist Party underground.

With regard to how he proposed to use WILLIAM WEINER, the informant stated that it depends entirely on his physical condition at the time the informant sees him. If he expresses concern or interest concerning the informant's lack of actual connections with the underground leadership, the informant is prepared to press this matter as far as he can without jeopardizing the informant's long-range program. The informant is hopeful that WEINER will be interested in placing the informant in a position where he, WEINER, will know that the informant will see to it that his, WEINER's, wife will be cared for adequately by the Party after WEINER is gone.

The informant stressed the point that throughout his contemplated conversations while in New York, he will not be careless or reckless in either demands or criticism and that he will not take any action that does not appear to him to be timely to his overall project of pressing himself where he can be of greater service to the Bureau.

On the same date, the informant exhibited a note from SUF KLING, wife of JACK KLING, Communist Party underground national leader. The note referred to the fact that the informant and his wife had entertained SUF KLING and her daughter in the informant's home for the entire day of January 10, 1954 and the note was written to thank the informant and his wife for their consideration. The informant



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has also furnished the business telephone number of SUE KLING in connection with the receipt of this note.

On the same date, the informant analysed the latest Communist Party National Office Party Organization Bulletin entitled, "Organizing the Party for Victory of ~~ER~~ Reaction," which was published by New Century in December, 1953 and which, according to the pamphlet, is the organization report submitted to the National Communist Party Conference late in 1953. The informant's analysis has been furnished to the Bureau and New York for information.

On January 16, 1954, the informant had personal contact with HERB MARCH, previously described. MARCH told the informant that on January 15, 1954 in the evening, he had seen representatives of the District #8 underground leadership for the first time in nine months.

He identified this leadership as being RAY TILMAN, CP Underground Packinghouse Organizer, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP District #8 Organizer, and SAM KUSHNER, CP District #3 Trade Union Underground Director.

MARCH told the informant that this meeting was called to iron out the charges against him that had been brought by certain members of the Party. He said a great deal concerning the charges that LIGHTFOOT had made against him during this meeting and as to the decisions reached with regard to MARCH.

MARCH then told the informant about the extent of Party control in Local #347 of UPWA-CIO and told him that of the twenty-eight individuals on the one ballot slate for local election in the union scheduled for late January, 1954, twenty-six of these individuals are either comrades or Communist sympathizers. He described, without specifically identifying, the individual who is now the Party organizer of Armour Local #347, UPWA-CIO.

MARCH did not tell the informant where his meeting with the District underground leadership occurred but indicated that he had spent a number of hours with them during the

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meeting and since the informant's meeting with MARCH occurred on the morning immediately after MARCH's meeting with the underground leadership, it is reasonable to assume that the Party leadership met with MARCH in the immediate Chicago area.

The alleged purpose of the informant's meeting with MARCH was for the informant to discuss MARCH's case with MARCH so that he can report the status of the MARCH case to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER on the occasion of the informant's seeing FOSTER in New York during his New York trip.

The informant departed by train rather than by plane because of the weather and his health on January 18, 1954 to keep his appointment with BETTY GANNETT and others on January 19, 1954.

On January 20, 1954, [redacted] telephonically advised that she had a call from the informant late at night on January 19, 1954 following the informant's appointment with BETTY GANNETT. The informant reported that his meeting with GANNETT appeared to have been most friendly and most encouraging. He mentioned several items of interest that were discussed but the details were such due to the fact that he was using the telephone that they will be reported in complete form as soon as contact is had with the informant.

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The informant also told [redacted] that he had an additional appointment with GANNETT scheduled for January 27, 1954 and said that [redacted] was also to see GANNETT at the same time. He requested [redacted] to come to New York on the weekend of January 22, 1954.

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[redacted] advised that she had made arrangements at her place of business to take one week's vacation to make the New York trip beginning on January 22, 1954, and that she would depart on that date.

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On the same date, [redacted] at the informant's request visited the Modern Book Store previously described and had a conversation with WILLIAM SENNETT, Communist Party District #8 open organizer.

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SENNETT told [ ] to tell CG 5824-S that he had not been able to personally see the Chicago informant because the Bureau of recent date has had him under fisur and he did not want to jeopardize the informant's security. He added that he had been under fisur on the weekend of January 15, 1954 prior to his departure for New York and also during the entire period when he was in New York.

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He asked [ ] whether she had been under fisur and when being advised in the negative, SENNETT told her that hereafter, she should not come to the bookstore unless it was absolutely necessary. He said that the recent fisurs of the Bureau were the first that he had noted in some time and that he is of the opinion that Smith Act arrests will be made in the Chicago area in the near future.

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SENNETT then told [ ] that he was going to New York on the weekend of January 22, 1954 with MOLLIE LIEBER WEST, also known as a District #8 functionary.

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On January 21, 1954, [ ] also telephonically advised that CG 5824-S had called her by phone on that date and advised that he had just finished seeing PEGGY D'NNIS, wife of EUGENE D'NNIS, National Secretary of the Communist Party. CG 5824-S asked her to relay the message to the agent that SAM KUSHNER is now head of the underground in the Chicago area and that WILLIAM SENNETT is being given real power in the leadership of the Party.

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[ ] advised that she was leaving on January 22, 1954 for New York and on the same date, she was personally briefed concerning her contacts during the New York trip.

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#### Contemplated Plans

Pending return of this informant and his wife from New York and discussions with him, any statements relative to future plans would be purely speculative. As soon as security will permit following the return of these informants to Chicago, they will be interviewed in detail and the Bureau advised.

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One additional copy of this letter is being  
furnished for the Bureau file on .

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-340711)(100-3-63) DATE: 2/2/54  
FROM : SAC, New York (134-91) ~~PERSONAL AND~~  
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SUBJECT: NY 694-S

It should be noted that injudicious dissemination of the following information may result in the exposure of NY 694-S, a highly valuable informant. The following information, if disseminated, should be paraphrased in such a way as not to disclose the identity of the informant.

On January 18, 1954, NY 694-S advised that he met BETTY GANETT, Communist Party Functionary on January 14, 1954, and arranged a meeting between her and CG 5824-S on January 19, 1954, at the Brass Rail Restaurant, New York City.

- ① Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S)
- 1 [REDACTED] (TOPLEV)
  - 1 NY 66-6989 (CG 5824-S)
  - 1 NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANETT)
  - 1 NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
  - 1 NY 100-7577 (WILLIAM WIZNER)
  - 1 NY 100-7658 (LENN HARRIS)
  - 1 NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK)
  - 1 NY 100-9352 (A.B. MAGIL)
  - 1 NY 100-74560 (CP, USA FUNDS)
  - 1 NY 97-169 (DAILY WORKER)
  - 1 NY 100-25859 (FRANCES WILLIAMS)
  - 1 NY 100-94269 (RUTH WILSON)
  - 1 NY 100-50847 (GEORGE MARSHALL)
  - 1 NY 100-80792 (FRALIER McCANN)
  - 1 NY 100-65568 [REDACTED]
  - 1 NY 57639 (LOUISE BRANSTEN)
  - 1 NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON)
  - 1 NY 100-80675 (CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS)
  - 1 NY 100-50964 (THEODORE BAYER)
  - 1 NY 100-7518 (AMERICAN COUNCIL OF SOVIET -AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP)
  - 1 NY 100-111180 (STANLEY LEVISON)
  - 1 NY 65-16441 (SASH-ESP-R)

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The informant and GANNETT discussed CG 5824-S' status in the CP, GANNETT expressing surprise that CG 5824-S had not been contacted regarding his CP reactivation since his last meeting with PHIL BART. GANNETT mentioned that she had seen BART recently, and that the latter had made no reference to CG 5824-S. NY 694-S explained to GANNETT that CG 5824-S intended to discuss this matter with GANNETT when they should meet.

NY 694-S and GANNETT then discussed WILLIAM WEINER, CP "financial man" reportedly dying of cancer. The informant told GANNETT of several visits he made to WEINER, of the serious nature of the latter's condition, and that WEINER was anxious to see her. GANNETT indicated that she is being advised currently concerning WEINER's condition by LEM HARRIS "WEINER's leg man", and that she will see him soon having permission from the court for one visit to WEINER. GANNETT, according to the informant, was apparently unaware of the imminence of WEINER'S death although she knew his condition was serious.

NY 694-S told GANNETT that his six years away from the Party were not of his choosing, that his personal problem involving serious illness of his son and of CG 5824-S which required the informant earning enough money to pay the doctor bills, necessarily kept him out of CP activities. The informant also told GANNETT that despite this enforced separation from Party activities, he felt he had made a substantial contribution to the Party in that he had supported CG 5824-S during the latter's years of illness. In his opinion, the informant told GANNETT CG 5824-S "is a better Communist today than he ever was, and his best work is ahead of him."

GANNETT expressed the opinion that NY 694-S really had done the Party a valuable service in supporting

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CG 5824-S as he had, and she said the Party was duly grateful.

NY 694-S then told GANNETT he was anxious to assist the Party in any way possible, but before becoming active in Party operations he desired an "official O.K." either from her or from "some other top responsible person." GANNETT replied that as of the moment NY 694-S had her "official O.K.". According to the informant, GANNETT wholeheartedly and sympathetically accepted his explanation as to his temporary CP inactivity in the past, and in the informant's opinion, no further questions will be asked by her regarding this matter.

The informant then mentioned to GANNETT some of the Canadian CP Functionaries with whom he has been in contact recently, and said that these individuals had proved themselves to be good friends not only to the informant, but to the American CP (the informant here was referring to Canadians mentioned in the SASH- DSP-R investigation, Bufile 65-6204).

The informant then told GANNETT that in a recent letter from JACK COWAN, Canadian CP Functionary, the latter mentioned that he is contemplating entering "a deal in exports" involving between one and three million dollars. NY 694-S stated that he expects to see COWAN in Toronto, Canada, soon and that the possibility exists that he, NY 694-S may eventually become associated with COWAN in this enterprise on a part time basis. The informant suggested to GANNETT that this Canadian business probably could become a source of revenue for the American CP. He further stated that inasmuch as before, during and even after World War II, the American CP had subsidized the Canadian CP, it was his opinion that the Canadian CP at this time would be only too happy to reciprocate.

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GANNETT was very much interested in this discussion concerning the possibility of Canadian financial assistance and requested that NY 694-S discuss the point with her again before he next goes to Canada. She also stated that upon his return from Canada, she would appreciate his contacting her regarding the matter.

At this point in the conversation, NY 694-S asked GANNETT whether she had received the report on the recent Canadian Plenum and whether she was in contact with TIM BUCK, head of the Canadian Party. To both questions GANNETT replied in the affirmative. She also said that the American CP is considering sending to the coming March National Canadian Communist Party Convention as a delegate, a "known, leading American Communist in a position to travel to Canada." So far, she said, A. B. MAGIL, editor and economist known nationally and internationally is the individual most likely to go to the said convention. To assure his attendance at the convention, MAGIL or whoever should go, will be driven by automobile across the Canadian border, the reason therefor being that only the driver of the automobile must identify himself to border guards. GANNETT said she would inform NY 694-S regarding the identity of the person whom the Party eventually will designate to attend the aforesaid convention so that the informant may furnish this information to TIM BUCK of the Canadian CP on the informant's next trip to Canada.

GANNETT subsequently stated that the CP is in a very serious situation financially -- "so serious that not even \$500,000 would remedy the situation." According to GAN, she "has her hands full in trying to maintain the national office of the Communist Party and the "Daily Worker" and the situation becomes worse daily."

GANNETT stated that recently, at a meeting with the "Daily Worker" staff, she suggested cutting the aforesaid paper's annual expenses by twenty-five per cent and that her suggestion created almost a revolution



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among the staff members who insisted they are shorthanded now. She said, besides her daily routine duties, one of her "biggest headaches was contacting people for the support of the National Office of the Communist Party and of the "Daily Worker."

NY 694-S inquired concerning whether certain individuals, formerly known to him as "Party angels", were still contributing to the Party. He mentioned specifically FRANCES WILLIAMS, former Secretary of the National Federation of Civil Liberties, forerunner of the Civil Liberties Union whose husband was a wealthy man named HENRY RUSCH; GEORGE MARSHALL, son of the founder of the Marshall Foundation; FRAZIER MC GANN, member of the wealthy Woolworth family and cousin of BARBARA HUTTON; PAUL STERN, member of the STRAUSS family that operates Macy's Department Store in New York City; and RUTH WILSON, wife of a man who had been employed by the La Follette, Committee of the United States Senate investigating labor in the past.

GANNETT stated that none of these people are contributing to the Party and that to her knowledge no one of them is close to the Party at this time. GANNETT thought it would be a good idea for NY 694-S to renew contact with these people and to endeavor to obtain their financial assistance for the Party if only in a small way. She thought that NY 694-S might utilize the issue of "MC CARTHYISM" as a means to influence them to become again contributors to the Party. NY 694-S also inquired concerning LOUIS BRANSTEN, and was informed by GANNETT that BRANSTEN is still a contributor of large sums to the Party and "even is under Party control."

GANNETT further suggested that NY 694-S contact WILLIAM PATTERSON of the Civil Rights Congress to discuss with PATTERSON the whereabouts of the aforementioned "Party angels" and their present relations with the Party.

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She also suggested that the informant contact TED BAYER of the American Council of Soviet-American Friendship for the same purpose.

GANNETT stated that she and STANLEY L VISON, a CP financial apparatus man, had discussed the same matter of "Party angels" sometime ago. GANNETT referred to L. VISON's handling "an important financial group" outside the Party.

GANNETT, referring to the possibility that NY 694-S might be able to recontact successfully the above mentioned former "Party angels", stated that in such an event she would provide "a permanent Party speaker" to address them.

GANNETT's final remarks were to the effect that LLM HARRIS' principal activity is performing assignments for WILLIAM WEINER, mentioned above, as the CP financial man presently dying of cancer.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 2/12/54

FROM : SA C N Flynn

SUBJECT: Cg 5874-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

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P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-27972

100-21815 (Charlotte Koch)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

100-15266

100-19756

100-22696 - Louise Rosen

100-4529 (BORLA)

105-1605

100-28637 - Golden

100-27895

100-4681

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100-19441

PERSONAL DATA:

Positive wife  
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COVERAGE

100-3841

100-3964

100- Ralph Shaw

100- Sarah Hayden

100- Daily Worker

100- Lenn Schrier

100- CPUSA Jackson

100- Walter Shop

Positive:

100- CP Working Sect.

100-1826 (Herb North)

100- Ray Tillman

100- Sam Kushner

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100- 867 - Claude Fighly

100-125 CP

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100- Howard Balch

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 2/15/54

FROM : SA 134-46

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

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DATES OF CONTACT: 2/11/54

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Informant on the above date exhibited a K.D. let which was prepared by informant for delivery by NY 694-S to Sam Carr. on the trip of 2/11/54 of NY 694-S to Canada. The let was both personal & political in nature because 5824-S was Carr's Roommate at Tenn. School. Of primary importance is the fact that the let laid the basis for a vacation trip to Canada this summer of Bureau desires it, No dissemination has been incorporated (72) in Chgo let to Bent Cg 5824-S

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Food — Food — Cab	
& Tips —	✓ 143.00
Food & Room —	102.00
<del>Gifts</del>	
Items — for Sick & Families	32.00 —
	75.00 —
Sub Total —	
Train	✓ 11.50 —
Tips for Meeting	
(Dinner — Food etc)	10.00 —
	6.00 —
Telephone	50.95

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FBI NYC 2-21-54 12-59 AM AJM

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WILLIAM WEINER, IS-C. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISES WILLIAM WEINER  
DIED AT SIX PM TODAY WHILE THE INFORMANT WAS PRESENT. IN LUCID  
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FOUR DASH S. WEINER-S WIFE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO TALK TO CG FIVE EIGHT  
TWO FOUR DASH S AND REQUESTED THAT HE COME TO NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY.  
WEINER-S BODY WILL BE AT IWO FUNERAL PARLOR IN BROOKLYN, PROBABLY  
ONE OPERATED BY [REDACTED] ON SUNDAY AND WILL LIE "IN STATE  
AT A PUBLIC HALL", AS YET NOT DESIGNATED, IN MANHATTAN ON MONDAY AND  
TUESDAY. FUNERAL PROBABLY WILL BE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON. BELIEVED  
IMPORTANT THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S COME TO NEW YORK AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE. ABOVE INFO SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO SA CARL  
FREYMAN OF THE CHICAGO OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC NEW YORK U R G E N T

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TO ARRIVE LA GUARDIA THREE FORTY-FIVE PM EST THIS DATE. INFORMANT  
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AND TRANSMIT DESIRES OF WEINER RE SUCCESSOR TO CP NATIONAL  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: FEBRUARY 21, 1954

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Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

February 19, 1954

SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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Re Chicago letter dated February 3, 1954, summarizing the informant's activities and reactivation efforts through January 25, 1954. The following is a summary covering the period January 25 through February 10, 1954, as well as the results of the informant's trip to New York during the period January 19 through 31, 1954.

It is believed that the results of the informant's trip to New York, both from an informational standpoint as well as from the standpoint of furthering his reactivation efforts at a high level in the Party, were relatively successful. Details of the results of this trip have been incorporated in letters to the Bureau and interested offices and this letter will therefore confine itself to highlighting the information obtained by this informant and the results of the informant's reactivation efforts in New York and in Chicago.

During the New York trip, the informant had personal contact with eighteen individuals in and close to the National and District Number 2 leadership of the CP. He had twelve contacts with WILLIAM WEINER, National CP Finance Man, seeing him on every day except one during the pertinent period. The informant additionally had two conferences with BETTY GANNETT, key national CP functionary, on January 19 and 28, 1954. The second contact with GANNETT had been scheduled for January 27, 1954; however, it was cancelled by her for security reasons because of certain factors which were then being conducted which indicated to Party people that possible new Smith Act arrests were contemplated. The rescheduled meeting of January 28, 1954, with GANNETT, at which GANNETT had also requested the attendance of [redacted] of CG 5824-S, was unfortunately terminated after a little more than an hour of general social conversation when GANNETT became sick and fainted. [redacted] attempted to

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revive her for about an hour in a rest room to continue the evening, but GANNETT finally requested her to call a cab so that she might go home. CG 5824-S was subsequently advised by NY 694-S that GANNETT was confined to her home due to this illness for approximately a week.

Another scheduled meeting between CG 5824-S, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, District Number 2 Cultural Division Organizer, MARTIN YOUNG, former member of the National Committee, and LENA SCHERER, member of the District Number 2 Cadre Commission, at the residence of LEON JOSEPHSON, which meeting the informant had expected to be as productive as the meeting with LAWRENCE in November, 1953, was also cancelled for security reasons. The informant had previously seen all of these individuals but with other people present. He explained that LAWRENCE does not speak confidentially unless he is in a small group and with only his most trusted friends. Therefore, the informant was unable to get the valuable information which he expected LAWRENCE to discuss with him such as he had received in previous confidential contacts with LAWRENCE in New York.

The informant has been contacted on three occasions since he returned to Chicago and has furnished detailed information, some of which is highly confidential in nature and known only to individuals in the inner Party circles.

In connection with his meetings with BETTY GANNETT, the informant advised that he was well received and treated by GANNETT as if he was still a member of the National Committee of the CP.

The contacts with GANNETT were most productive. For example, GANNETT told the informant that a "New Draft Program of the CP" similar to the 1952 "Draft Resolution" would be made public in about a month. This, according to GANNETT, will be followed by a three-month Party discussion period after which the final program will be announced.

The informant, drawing upon his knowledge as how such programs are finalized as a result of his experience in the Party, has expressed the opinion that the "final draft" must be

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passed on by the CP underground leadership and is of the opinion that the meeting will mean that the Underground leadership will meet as it did in the fall of 1953, either in the second or third month after the discussion period is announced.

GANNETT briefed the informant on the contents of the "New Draft Program", the details of which are being incorporated in a separate letter to the Bureau under the caption of "CP, USA - Organization".

In addition to the above, GANNETT on January 19, 1954, advised the informant of a Party conference being held in New York on the weekend of January 22, 1954, telling him the agenda and that she would address the meeting. She also told the informant that she and other Party officials would meet with the delegates of individual districts to discuss district problems and district leadership problems with them. This information was transmitted by the informant to New York agents and it is believed that it was of assistance to New York in covering the meeting above described.

By far the most important information developed on the New York trip by this informant was disclosure to him by GANNETT of the reorganization of the Party's "System of Leadership". She told the informant that the "New System of Leadership" and the "New Party Program" would be the chief subjects of discussions in connection with the Party conference of the weekend of January 22, 1954.

She discussed the "New System of Leadership" in detail with the informant, telling him that it would take place at both the National and District level. Briefly the "New System of Leadership" calls for a reduction of the "reserve Underground leadership" to a minimum and provides that some of the released "Underground leadership" will be designated for use in the "operative leadership" of the Party. This decision, according to GANNETT, was reached by the Party from necessity because the Open Party was being liquidated through lack of day to day leadership in operations and from lack of authority of the

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leaders in the open to make day to day decisions. Primarily, however, the reason for the change is to more adequately secure the Underground leadership by taking away power and responsibility from them for the day to day operations of the Party, thus reducing the need for contact with this leadership by people not completely Underground and also providing almost complete security for the "reserve Underground leadership". Hereafter, according to GANNETT, the "operative leadership" will have the power to make decisions and to operate the Party on a day to day basis. This power, which heretofore had been in the Underground leadership and had hindered the day to day Party operations, has been taken away from the Underground and given to the "operative leadership". The "reserve Underground leadership" will be "buried" with their power being limited to matters involving long-range planning of the Party, personnel matters, and similar matters. Contact with these people will be infrequent and only at the same level with one or two members of the "operative leadership".

This change to the "New System of Leadership", according to GANNETT, does not mean that the Party will become reckless with its "operative leadership" or that they will be walking the streets awaiting their arrests. It does mean that they will be "around" and available for contact on Party matters on a more or less day to day basis. She told the informant that the Party will not be dogmatic about the program and that, of course, additional Smith Act arrests in the near future would necessitate re-evaluating the Party analysis that the "political climate" in this country today may give the CP a "breather" for more open Party activity, thus allowing the Party to stop the liquidation of the open Party organization.

The above decision, according to GANNETT, is tied in with the Party's frank analysis of the present bad condition of the Party from the point of view of membership, funds, and an effective Party program. She confidentially told the informant that the actual registered membership of the CP today on a national basis is a little over 5,000 and further that Party finances are bad.

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She next asked the advice of the informant for his opinion on specific people in District Number 8 who had been recommended to her and the National Office to make up the District Number 8 Board of the "operative leadership" of the Party. The informant went over this list and made suggestions and criticisms of some of the people. He specifically told GANNETT that he questioned the advisability of naming SAM KUSHNER as Chairman of the District Number 8 "Operative Board", and gave as his reason the fact that there was considerable opposition to KUSHNER among Party trade union leaders in the Chicago area. The informant, by virtue of these discussions, was able to furnish the tentative list of the entire District Number 8 "Operative Leadership Board" and it should be noted that SAM KUSHNER, above described, has been active in trade union work in the Underground in the Midwest for the past two years.

The informant next told GANNETT that he had had no contact with the National Underground leadership since September, 1953, and made inquiry as to why PHIL BART had not recontacted him as he stated he would subsequent to their initial talk. She replied that BART is no longer in the Midwest and that under the "New System of Leadership", contacts with such leadership will be even less frequent than before and she remarked that the informant should understand the need for not exposing such leaders to anyone.

The informant and GANNETT next discussed the informant's status in detail. The informant told her that he is still more or less "isolated" and prevented from making his "contribution" to the Party. He was told that he should remain attached to the National Office and report to GANNETT. She requested that he contact WILLIAM SENNETT, District Number 8 Organizer of the "operative leadership", on his return to Chicago and instruct him to see that the informant is attached to a leading committee of the District. The informant was instructed to continue to not expose himself too much because the Party stands on the idea that the informant is not to become openly active. He was told to restrict his contacts

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so that he can have some measure of protection without the need for going Underground.

GANNETT also supplied the informant with considerable other information of importance. She confidentially told the informant, for example, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his wife, District Number 7 Party functionaries and the former a Smith Act subject of Pittsburgh presently on trial, have been secretly expelled from the Party and that this is a highly-guarded inner Party secret.

As previously explained, GANNETT at the meeting of January 19, 1954, suggested that a second meeting with the informant and the informant's wife present should be scheduled for January 27, 1954. This meeting was cancelled for security reasons by GANNETT. The meeting of January 28, 1954, between the informant, [redacted] and GANNETT was discontinued because of illness of GANNETT before it was possible to discuss the matters which would have been discussed had the meeting progressed in orderly fashion.

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Another key contact of importance in connection with the reactivation of this informant was with PEGGY DENNIS, wife of EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the CP, now at Atlanta, on January 20, 1954. The informant's purpose in effecting this meeting was to get word to DENNIS, now at Atlanta, through DENNIS' wife that the informant was not being utilized to the fullest extent by the Party. The informant knew that PEGGY DENNIS was in contact with her husband both through monthly visits to Atlanta and also by rail. During the conversation with PEGGY DENNIS, the informant was told that DENNIS has reached the conclusion that some of the "people on the outside", meaning those presently holding leadership positions at the National level, do not want the Smith Act subjects out of jail or to use the ideas that they are conveying through people such as PEGGY DENNIS to the National leadership of the Party. The informant saw the opportunity for him to get the word to DENNIS through DENNIS' wife that there are people on the outside who feel they are just as isolated as DENNIS, and made that

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remark to PEGGY DENNIS knowing that she would convey it to her husband within the next month. It is hoped that DENNIS, on learning the above, will order the Party leadership to utilize the informant's services in a more active way because DENNIS knows that the informant thinks and operates along the same lines as DENNIS and further that the informant will see to it that DENNIS' ideas are put into action.

The informant had a number of contacts while in New York with LEM HARRIS, a close associate of WILLIAM WEINER, and in that connection was able to ascertain why HARRIS had been in Chicago during the week of January 14, 1954. One of the reasons for HARRIS' visit was to contact LILLIAN GREEN, wife of GIL GREEN, Smith Act Comfug. The informant was unable to ascertain why HARRIS had made the contact with LILLIAN GREEN. The other reason was that HARRIS brought the CP instructions from New York for a non-Party farm-labor conference. The informant also learned that JOE JOHNSTONE, leading Harbary subject, was in New York and in touch with HARRIS in the latter part of December or the early part of January.

As previously stated, the informant journeyed to Long Island to see WILLIAM WEINER every day he was in New York with the exception of one. The informant still considers WEINER to be his most influential intermediary at the National level and he believes that his conversations with WEINER were most timely and fruitful because WEINER talked to him more as a friend seeking advice than as a Party member. The informant also ties his visits with WEINER in with the reactivation of NY 694-S in connection with the National Party finance setup and believes his conversations with WEINER were fruitful on that issue also. The informant, for example, ascertained from WEINER that he is very concerned about the effect that his death will have on the future financial well being of WEINER's wife, his daughter, and son-in-law. WEINER indicated to the informant that he still retains some of his most confidential Party business secrets involving Party finance and has not turned them over to the CP presumably because he knows that when he does the Party will be through with him. He indicated to the informant that he wanted to talk the finance matters over with BETTY GANNETT and to get relieved of some of

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the duties which he is presently still holding on to and also to recommend possible successors to his Party work. He asked the informant for advice and opinions on a successor to the duties he is presently doing, knowing that the informant would do everything possible to give WEINER's wife financial security.

The informant, at WEINER's request, gave WEINER the following names of individuals who might be considered as friendly to him and his family and also as being trusted Party people. The informant in that connection was careful to name only the persons that the informant knows and feels confident he can retain contact with and ascertain National Party finance information should any of them be named as WEINER's successor. These people included JACK KLING, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, and PHIL BART.

WEINER had previously asked the informant to make recommendations concerning these people and had suggested that CG 5824-S would be a logical successor for him on these matters.

At about the time of the above discussion, NY 694-S visited the WEINER residence and entered WEINER's room. WEINER remarked to NY 694-S "They need a lot of help—plunge in and give them all the help you can". The informant interpreted this remark as an indication that WEINER would be happy to see NY 694-S take over Party finance matters. It is believed that if such offer is made to either of these informants, it would be of definite benefit to the Bureau in connection with CP Underground investigations because whoever has control of funds has knowledge of the CP Underground.

A letter has been directed to the Bureau pointing out that WEINER had indicated a desire to see BETTY GANNETT to recommend successors but that GANNETT had been unable to see him on Long Island because she is unable to get the necessary travel permit to go from Manhattan to Long Island. It was pointed out that it may be in the Bureau's interest for appropriate contacts to be made with the Government authorities issuing permits of this nature to allow a meeting between GANNETT and WEINER to be effected. It was pointed out that if WEINER's recommendations are heard and taken, it is possible that one of the informants above described or one of the individuals recommended by CG 5824-S may assume the position



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of WEINER's successor. It was also pointed out that if an outsider is permitted to become the successor of WEINER it might be much more difficult to obtain Party finance information through the use of either CG 5824-S or NY 694-S. The informant also during his visits to the WEINER residence had conversations with WEINER's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. MILTON HILLER, and with WEINER's wife. The informant was told of the Bureau's approach to HELLER and was able to furnish his opinion of HELLER's reaction to the Bureau contact as well as to the WEINER family's reaction. The informant is of the opinion that the Bureau contact was not in vain in that "seeds had been planted" that may develop in the Bureau's interest in the future. The informant also ascertained that WEINER's wife and his daughter are worried about HELLER because they consider him to be of weak character and fear that he may eventually talk to the Bureau.

The informant also had a short talk with ISRAEL AMTER, long-time functionary of the National Office of the CP. The purpose of this contact was twofold. First of all, to indicate to AMTER that the informant is in a position to assume greater responsibilities in the Party, but of more importance because the informant was carrying out a task which he had promised to do for BETTY GANNETT. On the latter matter the informant had a long talk with BETTY GANNETT concerning her brother, HARRY YARIS, who was deported by Immigration and Naturalization Service on January 17, 1954. GANNETT told the informant that she was worried about the future of her brother in Poland where he was going because YARIS was an expelled member of the Party, although he had left the country as a member of the Party. She said she was worried about his future because the European CP looked differently on expulsions, and in going over the dossier of a Party member, the European Parties always looked on length of membership in the Party as being of prime importance. The informant knew at this point that GANNETT was also thinking of her own Party status if and when she gets deported to Poland and of the possibility that the expulsion of her brother, HARRY YARIS, would also affect her Party standing in Poland.

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The informant told GANNETT at this point that he would see ISRAEL AMTER because AMTER could help YARIS through his contacts with top Party people in Poland. The informant therefore visited AMTER and explained the situation to him and got a commitment from him to the effect that he would see what he could do. AMTER at the same time told the informant that so long as HARRY YARIS left this country as a member of the Party, he should have no fear in going to Poland.

The informant also had contact with W. W. WEINSTONE, a Smith Act subject and one of the leading national figures of the Party in the Jewish field. This meeting was the first the informant had had with WEINSTONE in five or six years. WEINSTONE received him cordially and told the informant that he is still doing Party work in the Jewish field. They also discussed the Party program and WEINSTONE indicated some dissatisfaction on his part with the present National Party leadership. They also discussed what ALEXANDER BITTELMAN was presently doing in the Jewish field.

The informant also saw WILLIAM LAWRENCE, District Number 2 Cultural Division Organizer, on two occasions and a third meeting with LAWRENCE which showed promise of being the most important was cancelled for security reasons. LAWRENCE told the informant about his Party work in the Cultural Division of the Party, about his refusal to go Underground because of his children, and about his regular contacts by Bureau Agents.

The informant had several contacts with MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, leading New York Communists, with whom the informant is in contact by mail almost on a day-to-day basis. The SCHERERS arranged for a party at their home in honor of the informant and [redacted] at which a large number of Party people including W. W. WEINSTONE, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, [redacted] girlfriend of VITO MARCANTONIO, LEON JOSEPHSON, and others were in attendance.

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The informant learned from the SCHERERS that they are still in close contact with diplomatic personnel of Russia and with Roumanian diplomatic personnel. The informant was able to ascertain from them that they were having a party for five members of the Roumanian staff on January 24, 1954, and that this gathering would be headed by the Roumanian Minister. This information was furnished to New York in time for coverage of this meeting. He was also told by the SCHERERS that they are in contact with the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy and keep him advised of the present National Party situation and program.

The informant also was confidentially told by MARCEL SCHERER that he had recently been put in touch with his [redacted] presently in the Underground, about six weeks ago. SCHERER told the informant that he had passed through the hands of five people in reaching his [redacted] and that he still does not know where his [redacted] is located but knows that he is in upstate New York working in a small plant and in an American Federation of Labor Union. SCHERER also told the informant that the [redacted] insists on seeing her daughter and threatens to go to the Bureau of Missing Persons if a meeting with her daughter is not arranged. SCHERER told the informant that the Party has finally consented to put the [redacted] in touch with her daughter, but that details of the meeting have not been worked out but presumably the daughter will be brought to New York for this meeting. New York has been advised and it is possible that through this lead the location of [redacted] will be found.

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All of the information obtained by the informant in connection with his New York trip has been set forth in detail for the Bureau and interested offices.

Following the informant's return to Chicago on January 31, 1954, and upon BETTY GANNETT's instructions, the informant made arrangements to see WILLIAM GANNETT, CP District

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Number 8 Open Organizer, who is on the "operative leadership" of the Board of District Number 8. The informant was to have been briefed by GANNETT on the results and decisions of the conference in New York of January 22, 1954, at his meeting with GANNETT on January 28, 1954; however, when she became ill she instructed the informant to see SENNETT and receive this information. A meeting with SENNETT was held on February 4, 1954, at which time SENNETT was most cordial and most interested in protecting the security of the informant in effecting contacts with him. He explained, for example, that he had not seen the informant for the past month or so because he did not want to expose the informant since he has been under fisur by the Bureau with more or less regularity during the past few weeks. He said that since fisurs on him and others are now on a more or less regular basis, the Party in Chicago expects arrests at any time and leaders are cautioned to be more cautious in not exposing certain people.

SENNETT briefed the informant concerning the results and decisions of the conference in New York on January 22, 1954, which were mostly in line with what BETTY GANNETT had said the conference would cover in her conversation with the informant on January 19, 1954.

The informant told SENNETT that he had been instructed by GANNETT to advise SENNETT that the informant should be attached to a leading district committee of the Party. In this matter, according to the informant, he had to be most cautious to make it clear to SENNETT that he was acting on instructions from the National Office and that he was in no way moving in on the present leadership of the district or attempting to take over. He made these matters clear to SENNETT, explaining that he did not want any misinterpretations of the instructions he was conveying to SENNETT. SENNETT told the informant that he understood and would see that the other people concerned were properly advised.

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SENNETT then briefly discussed the main points of the conference in New York of January 22, 1954, and told the informant of the decisions made relative to the composition of the new "District Board for Operative Leadership" of the Party in this district. He also told the informant how this board and its members would operate. He said that under the new system contacts with the Underground reserve leadership, whom he identified as CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and ED STARR, would only be had by one or two members of the "operative leadership."

Returning to the discussion as to where the informant might attach himself and be most useful, SENNETT told the informant about the existing and paper committees of the district. The informant directed his conversation along the line that he felt he could be most useful on the Cadre and Education Commission which SENNETT had previously told the informant is not functioning too well. The informant also made some suggestions that he might become attached to the Trade Union Commission. The matter of assignment was not settled since it involves the use of personnel and must be decided by the Underground leadership at the district level. Arrangements were made for the informant and SENNETT to meet again at which time it is expected further discussions and possible decisions will be talked over.

SENNETT then told the informant that the Party was aware that the Bureau was on LEON KATZEN, CP District Number 8 Finance Man who is Underground, and told the informant that the Party expected his arrest. He said that in order to give KATZEN more protection he wanted to transfer some of KATZEN's financial contact and duties to [redacted] so that KATZEN would not be exposed so much and because [redacted] is familiar with such work. He said the details would have to be worked out and that either CG 5824-S or [redacted] would have to be put in contact with KATZEN. This matter was also left in the discussion stages.

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SENNETT then told the informant that [redacted] should not visit the Modern Book Store, CP outlet for literature in the Chicago area, for security reasons involving both the informant and his wife due to the fact that SENNETT is in these offices and fisurs are being conducted by the Bureau on SENNETT and others who are in these offices. SENNETT and the informant then discussed ways and means of the informant getting literature from the Modern Book Store and also of the informant and SENNETT remaining in contact with each other. Several ways were suggested by SENNETT and the informant but no decision was reached until SENNETT could talk the matter over with the person he had in mind and until the informant can talk the matter over with the person he had in mind. (ALONZO ISBELL and MILTON COHEN, respectively)

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SENNETT and the informant then arranged that where he, SENNETT, wanted to see the informant the contact would be made to [redacted] at her place of business. If a telephone contact is necessary either at the informant's or SENNETT's home by either SENNETT or the informant, code names were agreed upon and the time of the meeting was also arranged. Meeting places and alternate meeting places were also agreed on by the informant and SENNETT.

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The balance of the meeting was devoted to political discussion on the work of the Party in District 8. SENNETT told the informant that he had been tied up earlier in the week in conference with Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, who was in on National Office business. It will be noted that BLUMBERG was formerly a potential Smith Act subject in the Philadelphia Division and at one time was a Baltimore subject.

On February 3, 1954, the informant had contact with CHARLES MITCHELL, who until about December, 1953, was in charge of security for District Number 8 and was a runner for ED STARR, considered the leading Underground functionary in the district. MITCHELL told the informant that he has now been

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relieved of most of his duties as a result of a fight he had with ED STARR but that he still retains some small tasks. (Investigation reflects that MITCHELL still has \$4,700 of Party money in his personal bank account).

On the same date the informant received a letter from NY 694-S advising that he was going to Canada to see Canadian Party functionaries during the week of February 8, 1954.

The informant had previously been asked by WILLIAM WEINER while he was in New York for the informant to write a note in WEINER's behalf to SAM CARR so that NY 694-S might deliver it on his proposed trip to Canada. On February 11, 1954, the informant read a copy of the note to SAM CARR to the agent, the contents of which were believed to be in good form, and in that connection the informant also laid a basis for a possible trip of the informant and his wife to Canada during the summer of 1954 if the Bureau should desire him to make such a trip.

A letter from LENA SCHERER, previously mentioned, received on February 6, 1954, advised the informant that a friend of the SCHERER's had, since the informant left New York, received a letter from an unidentified individual setting forth a political thesis on the delinquencies of the Party program and leadership and requesting that this friend of the SCHERER's reply with political thoughts on this matter to a certain post office box. This is an indication of a factional fight and possibly the development of a splinter group from the CP and this information will be transmitted to New York immediately.

On February 10, 1954, the informant had personal contact with HERB MARCH, former member of the National Committee of the CP and now Organizer of Armour Local Number 347, UPWA-CIO. MARCH spoke most confidentially to the informant, telling him about a meeting he had the previous week with SAM KUSHNER and RAY TILLMAN, presently known to this office through the services of this informant to be leaders of the

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"operative leadership" of District Number 8. MARCH also identified five of the seven members of the Packing Division Committee of the CP, including MARCH himself. He also told the informant about Party strength in the international union of UPWA-CIO and at the district level and about the Party program for placing CHARLES HAYES, former Packing Chairman, of the CP, in the office of District Director of District Number 1, UPWA-CIO.

On the same date the informant had personal contact with MILTON COHEN, leading Hyde Park Communist, the main purpose of which was to arrange for COHEN to see that the informant receives all of the Party literature from the Modern Book Store. COHEN told the informant that it was not possible for him to do that because it might involve the informant's security and implied that his present Party tasks are so out in the open that if he were to have direct connection with the informant, it might expose the informant.

#### Evaluation and Future Plans

In discussions with this informant concerning the results of his New York trip and his contacts with Party leadership in District Number 8 during the past three weeks, the informant was most optimistic. He stated that in his opinion, the New York trip was most timely and necessary and that the ground work he laid with GANNETT, PEGGY DENNIS, and others should solidify him even in the National leadership.

He considered the trip particularly timely because it offered the informant the opportunity to spend many hours with WEINER, whom he still considers to be his chief power of influence in the National Office. WEINER, as the Bureau knows, is ill with cancer and this may be the last opportunity the informant will have had to discuss the Party with WEINER. From the conversations above cited, it is obvious that the informant and WEINER have common interests in the Party move-



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ment and that the WEINER contact should pay off. The trip is believed by the informant to have benefited the reactivation of NY 694-S because the informant laid the ground work for possible future financial work for NY 694-S and also because NY 694-S has now been afforded the opportunity for regular contacts with BETTY GANNETT.

The contact with GANNETT was also considered most opportune in that she had family worries and the informant was able to do small things for her relative to her brother which should influence GANNETT in her beliefs that the informant is strongly attached to the principles and ideals of the Party. From an informational standpoint, the information concerning the "New System of Leadership" of the Party should prove invaluable to the Bureau, particularly in effecting long-range plans of the Bureau in reference to how to combat the Party and even more particularly it might influence Bureau decisions on the advisability of permitting the Party to continue to believe that it can bring more leaders out into the open. The informant's information relative to the possibility of a conference within the next two or three months of National Underground leaders of the Party to finalize the "New Draft Program of the Party" might also prove invaluable in the location of the key National Underground personnel of the Party since it has alerted the Bureau to the purpose of such a meeting. The follow-up conference with SENNETT on the informant's future work for the district and also on the conference results as well as suggestions made by SENNETT that [redacted] should take over some of the confidential duties of LEON KATZEN are also regarded as significant and as evidence of the intentions of the Party to utilize both of these Chicago informants.

In connection with the presence of [redacted] in New York with CG 5824-S, the informant advised that he considered her services invaluable. It must be remembered that [redacted] has been out of the Party organization since about 1941 and

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the informant has repeatedly pointed out that there might be some questions raised as to whether or not she was a solid Party member. The informant believes that the trip with [redacted] to New York and her contacts with GANNETT, WEINER, and others have tended to do away with any questions in the minds of the leadership as to where [redacted] stands and, therefore, this will remove another obstacle in the path of CG 5824-S.

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The informant is optimistic but still cautious that the Party works slowly and that the Bureau must have no ideas that he will be able to put his finger on any of the key National Underground personnel by a certain date. Under the new system of leadership, according to the informant, it is going to be even more difficult to reach key Underground personnel. However, the informant is optimistic about his progress and about the possibility that he will eventually be able to furnish leads to the key national leadership of the Underground.

#### Condition of Health

Since the informant's return from New York his health has not been good. The trip, due to its length, was hard on his physical condition since he traveled extensively by every means of transportation and was up until all hours of the night. He has, however, met with the agent on three occasions and has had some lengthy discussions with District Number 8 personnel since his return to Chicago. As of the date of the writing of this letter, the informant has not missed any contacts with either the agent or with Party people; however, his health continues to be below what it was a month ago. It is hoped that with regular hours and a regular routine of work for the Bureau, the informant's health will improve.

#### Expenses in Connection with New York Trip

On February 11, 1954, the informant furnished an itemization of the expenses incurred on the New York trip which was considerably more than the amount estimated for

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the expected seven-day trip which was the basis of the original Chicago request. Due to the fact that the informant was requested by GANNETT to remain in New York for almost an additional week, the informant incurred additional expenses.

A separate letter is being directed to the Bureau on this matter.

Filing of 1953 Federal Income Tax Return

The agent handling this informant will assist the informant and his wife in the preparation of their income tax returns. The matter of the necessity of the informant's filing of the federal tax return has been brought to the informant's attention periodically during the past year. The Bureau is aware that this individual, due to the manner in which he operated as a CP functionary for thirty years, does not act on money in the normal way that any individual would handle money. For thirty years he never handled money and all of his wants and needs were taken care of by the Party. He is having great difficulty adjusting himself to the point where he must handle money and be responsible for the normal things that result, such as income tax returns. A discussion was recently held with his wife at which time she told the agent that she had only been able to accumulate approximately \$500 for income tax returns. It is roughly estimated that the informant will be required to pay between \$1,750 and \$2,000 for tax purposes. The informant has not spent a dime of this money on himself; however, he has disposed of the money to his immediate family, including his former wife and son, to his parents for their upkeep, and to his wife's mother who had extraordinary medical expenses.

It is hoped that the amount due the Government can be accumulated by March 15, 1954, which is the due date the money must be on hand. For the following year arrangements are going to be worked out whereby stipulated sums will be kept on a regular basis so that the informant will not find himself in the same position he is now in.

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As of now this office has no intention of requesting the Bureau to advance any money for the payment of taxes. This matter is being called to the Bureau's attention for information purposes only.

One additional copy of this letter is being designated to the Bureau for the file of [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 2/19/54

FROM : SA *EN Freyman*SUBJECT: *95824-5*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: *2/19/54 personal*

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*134-46**100 - Lena Schuler**100 - Source**105 - ~~for~~ SASH -**100 - CP USA Facturatum**100 - Mary HAYWOOD*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

*100-28316 -**(H Key)**100- [redacted]**100-13911 [redacted]**65-3765- RAKO C34.**105-1636 Wm. Sash.**100-28699- [redacted]**100-3860 (Wm. Russell)**Positive on all above**for. Researched to July  
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MIGHT MILITATE AGAINST ITS INTEREST, HAS ORDERED THAT AN IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL BE ARRANGED, AND THAT ITS MEMBERSHIP WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UNDERGROUND ATTEND THE FUNERAL. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WITH THE APPROVAL OF BETTY GANNETT, WILL ESCORT MRS. WEINER TO THE FUNERAL. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO APPEAR PUBLICLY AT THE FUNERAL. MRS. WEINER HAS STATED THAT AFTER THE FUNERAL SHE DESIRED TO TALK TO CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S "ON THE OUTSIDE" MEANING WHERE NO ONE CAN OVERHEAR THE CONVERSATION.

NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AND CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR HAVE BEEN STAYING AT THE WEINER HOME SINCE SUBJECT-S DEATH, AND ACCORDING TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S MRS. WEINER HAS REFERRED TO CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S AS "HER SAVIOR" IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. BUREAU AND CHICAGO WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 7/23/54

FROM : SA C N Fryman

SUBJECT:

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C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

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S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

2/20/54 by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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100- Wm Weir

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

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Informant had 2 phone calls above date from NY 694-S in NY. First advised that Wm Weir's condition was critical & firmly requested 5824-S to come in immediately. At 10 PM - 2nd call advised of Weir's death. Cg 5824-S talked to Weir's wife who asked that we come in immediately.

## PERSONAL DATA:

On 2/21/54 Cg 5824 left flight 672 routes for NY in effort to possibly influence Weir's Successor in CP (no dissemination)

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO TEL FEBRUARY TWENTYONE LAST,  
ADVISING OF WEINER'S DEATH AND NECESSITY FOR INFORMANT TO PROCEED  
TO NEW YORK. AUTHORITY GRANTED ADVANCE INFORMANT TWO HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY DOLLARS ESTIMATED EXPENSES IN CONNECTION HIS STAY IN NEW YORK.  
KEEP BUREAU ADVISED ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : SAC, [redacted]

DATE: 2/24/54

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FROM : SA C N Krugman

SUBJECT: [redacted]

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

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DATES OF CONTACT: 2/24/ phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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100- Al Fleunstein

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PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

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[redacted] had phone call from [redacted] on 2/23/54 re William Wren Leath. Said he had taken complete charge of funeral arrangements since no one of party has been around. Funeral Tues. - 2/24-5 said her health is bad.

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[redacted] advised that Al. Fleunstein died on trip & body being sent to Chgo. Sister [redacted] died 2/24/ - Joint funeral on 2/24/54 here

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Nancy Bridges is in town for funeral for dissemination to [redacted] files,

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- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY)
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CP NATIONAL OFFICE A MONTH AGO ISSUED ORDERS "TO STAY AWAY FROM WEINER." THE PARTY ACCORDING TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THROUGH THE AFOREMENTIONED COMMITTEE, APPARENTLY HAD DECIDED TO GIVE WEINER'S DEATH AS LITTLE PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE, AND TO HAVE HIM BURIED "WITH NO FANFARE". MRS. WEINER, ACCORDING TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S, CALLED GANNETT AND TRACHTENBERG ON THE TELEPHONE AND BITTERLY CRITICIZED THE PARTY FOR ITS FAILURE TO PAY DUE RESPECT TO WEINER. AS A RESULT, THE PARTY, APPARENTLY FEARING MRS. WEINER'S RESENTMENT MIGHT MILITATE AGAINST ITS INTEREST, HAS ORDERED THAT AN IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL BE ARRANGED, AND THAT ITS MEMBERSHIP WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UNDERGROUND ATTEND THE FUNERAL. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WITH THE APPROVAL OF BETTY GANNETT, WILL ESCORT MRS. WEINER TO THE FUNERAL. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO APPEAR PUBLICLY AT THE FUNERAL. MRS. WEINER HAS STATED THAT AFTER THE FUNERAL SHE DESIRED TO TALK TO CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S "ON THE OUTSIDE" MEANING WHERE NO ONE CAN OVERHEAR THE CONVERSATION. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AND CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR HAVE BEEN STAYING AT THE WEINER HOME SINCE SUBJECT'S DEATH, AND ACCORDING TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S MRS. WEINER HAS REFERRED TO CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S AS "HER SAVIOR" IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. BUREAU AND CHICAGO WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, [redacted]

DATE: 2/25/54

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FROM : SA C N Freyman

SUBJECT: [redacted]

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_

S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 2/25/54 by phone

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TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

[redacted]  
134-46

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] talked with G 5824-S by phone from NY on 2/24/54. He did not speak publicly at Weir's funeral. He is staying at Weir's Residence and has seen a lot of people, Weir & Gannett did not get together before his death.

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Harry MILLER is in NY. [redacted] + Brother ALFEINSTEIN to be buried 3-1-5824-S Re Return said he is not physically able but hopes to be able by weekend. [redacted] saw H. MILLER on 2-22 - he gave her money "on loan" to cover trip checks. She was at M.B.S. on 2/24/ but did not see Sennett. Picked up lit & received a note to 5824-S from SENNETT.

PERSONAL DATA:

For dissemination to Subj files & [redacted]

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- ② - CHICAGO (134-46) (AM)
- 1 - NY 66-6989 (P & C)
- 1 - NY 100-34665 (IENA SCHERER)
- 1 - NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
- 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON)
- 1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)

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Director, FBI (100-340711)

SAC, New York (134-91A)

NY 694-S

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 694-S had advised that owing to disagreement with his business associate ANDREW AZAN with respect to the operation of the Aristo Grid Lamp Products Company, he no longer will exercise any control over the said business nor derive any income therefrom as part owner. As owner of 51% of the stock of the business, and in view of the fact that AZAN will assume outstanding obligations of the company, NY694-S will receive no assets of the company upon dissolution thereof.

According to the informant, before he became active in the Bureau's behalf, the gross business of the Aristo Grid Lamp Company amounted to \$100,000.00 per year. In 1952 the said gross business was reduced to \$65,000.00 and in 1953 it was reduced to an amount less than \$50,000.00. AZAN, as technical man in the business, concerned only with the manufacture of the company's products, relied upon NY 694-S, as sales manager and "outside" man, to increase, or at least maintain, the company's business. The informant admits that the continued decline in business is directly attributable to him, stating that business declined in proportion to his increased interest and efforts in behalf of the Bureau. Whereas, in the past, development of his private business was of paramount importance and engaged all his time, during the past two years he has neglected business to develop contacts in the CP in the US and Canada. Although the loss of his business, leaving him now without income, is a most serious blow to him, he nevertheless feels great satisfaction in having been of service to the Bureau.

The informant's immediate problem is to find a means wherewith to support his family, which will coincide with his activities in behalf of the Bureau. Lacking capital, he is not in a position to buy an interest in another business, or to set up an independent sales agency for products in the photographic field with which he is familiar. Inasmuch as he is an expert salesman, he undoubtedly could secure a position as a salesman, but such employment would preclude him from his present Bureau activity, which involves meeting numerous top level Communists at all times of the day and night, and making trips to Canada on the pretext that he is contacting Canadian agents for the sale of his product, and otherwise developing a Canadian market for the said product.

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As the informant states, the success of his Bureau activities depends upon his freedom to come and go as he pleases, and upon his being engaged in a business that will justify occasional trips to Canada. In connection therewith, it should be noted that the success of CG 5824-S's operations likewise depends to a large extent upon a satisfactory business association, which, to date, has been NY 694-S's NY business. As the CP understands the situation, CG 5824-S is Chicago representative of the Aristo Grid Lamp Products Company, which, to date, is satisfactory explanation to the CP for CG 5824-S's ability to support himself and his family.

As is apparent, the present business situation of NY 694-S, as it concerns himself and CG 5824-S, could eventually militate against the Bureau's interests. By agreement with his former business associate, NY 694-S, for the next six months, may continue to represent himself as a sales representative of the Aristo Grid Lamp Company and is authorized to sell the company's product only on a commission basis.

The informant has advised this office that a solution to the problem would be for him to have a small office in mid-town Manhattan, to be operated by him as a sales agency for products with which he is familiar. In this connection, he believes he could arrange with his former associate AZAN to represent the Aristo Grid Lamp Company on a permanent basis upon the termination of his present arrangement with AZAN. In addition, he believes he could represent other companies in the photographic field. Besides providing him with a means of livelihood, such an arrangement, according to NY 694-S, not only would allow him to continue Bureau activities as the exigencies of any situation might require, but also would provide a "cover position" for CG 5824-S who could be, for all interests and purposes, a Chicago representative of NY 694-S's business.

The informant further stated that were he operating such a business, his CP contacts might find it convenient to use his office as a meeting place, believing that since no associates of NY 694-S would be there, security would be assured.

NY 694-S has inquired whether the Bureau, in the event he cannot obtain a loan elsewhere to finance setting up an office as above described, would be willing to advance him on a loan basis funds for such purpose. In view of his present financial situation, he is very doubtful of his ability to obtain assistance from outside sources. Although the NYO advised the informant that its authority was limited to referring his

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inquiry to the Bureau, he was asked to what extent he would need financial assistance for setting up a business as suggested. NY 694-S replied that at the present time he is unable to estimate the cost of such a project, but that it would entail buying a few items of office furniture, and payment of office rent until such time as income from the business would enable him to pay current expenses.

In view of the fact that the situation as above described constitutes a definite problem with respect to the continued successful Bureau activities of NY 694-S, and possibly of CG 5824-S, the NYO solicits the Bureau's opinion as to whether financial assistance could be given to NY 694-S in the event he cannot obtain outside aid.

The NYO will attempt to obtain from NY 694-S more specific information regarding the amount of money he would require for the purpose above mentioned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)  
SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

Feb. 26, 1954

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CG 5824-S

Rebulet January 14, 1954 authorizing the advance of \$250 for contemplated expenses of the above informant in connection with a trip of approximately seven days in duration to New York beginning on January 18, 1954; and re Chicago letter to the Bureau entitled "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security -C", dated February 10, 1954 setting forth some of the information obtained by this informant from BETTY GANNETT during this trip concerning the "New Party System of Leadership", the "New Draft Program of the CP" and information relative to the CP conference held in New York the weekend of January 22, 1954. Reference is also made to Chicago letter to the Bureau dated February 19, 1954 entitled "CG 5824-S" summarizing the informant's activities in New York during the above described period.

It is pointed out that the informant had initially intended to stay in New York for only about 7 days instead of the 14 days which he actually spent there and travelling. The change of plans occurred because on January 19, 1954 the informant was told by BETTY GANNETT that she wanted to see both the informant and [redacted] on the evening of January 27, 1954. The informant believing that it was to the Bureau's interest for him to have a recontact with GANNETT, agreed to this date.

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The meeting of January 27, 1954 was postponed a day for security reasons by GANNETT and the meeting rescheduled for the evening of January 28, 1954. GANNETT became ill at this meeting and [redacted] after spending about an hour with her in the ladies restroom attempting to revive her, sent GANNETT home in a cab.

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It is believed that the informant obtained considerable information during the additional week he spent in New York which justified additional expenses in the Bureau's interest. In spite of the fact GANNETT's contact during the second week was cut short, it did afford GANNETT the opportunity of renewing her acquaintanceship, with [redacted] and this in turn, it is believed, will contribute to an acceleration of both the activities of CG 5824-S and [redacted] in the future, because now GANNETT has had personal contact with both of them.

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In all, the informant during the two weeks period saw 18 separate individuals in and around the CP National and District No. 2 Leadership. Some of these individuals were seen several times and the informant travelled each day to the residence of WILLIAM WEINER, National CP Finance Man, on Long Island, because he believed it was in the interest of the Bureau and further because the informant believed that this would be the last occasion when he would have personal contact with WEINER because he is fatally ill with cancer. As previously pointed out, WEINER is the informant's most influential contact with the National Office of the CP.

From both an informational standpoint and from the standpoint of the informant attaching himself, his wife and NY 694-S in closely to the Party leadership on a national level, it is believed the results obtained from this trip were most encouraging. GANNETT, for example, told the informant that he is to remain attached to the National Office and responsible to her and in addition was to become attached to a leading committee of District No. 8. WILLIAM WEINER during one conversation with CG 5824-S at which NY 694-S was present, stated to NY 694-S "to plunge in because the Party needed him." [redacted] within the past ten days, has been mentioned by WILLIAM SENNETT, CP Head of the Operative Leadership of District 8, to take over some of the CP District 8 duties formerly held by LEON KATZEN, CP Underground Finance Man.

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On February 11, 1954 the matter of expenses incurred by the informant during the above trip was discussed with him and the informant advised that he had spent a total amount of \$389.56, not including expenses while in New York for [redacted]. In that connection the informant advised that he had no intention of asking the Bureau to pay the expenses of [redacted] while she was in New York.

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The itemized accounting is as follows, and it should be borne in mind that the informant was only able to keep sketchy notes for security reasons:

1. Trainfare Chicago to New York and return via Capitol Limited, including Pullman; meals on train; cab fare, and tips....\$143.00
  2. Trainfare metropolitan area including 11 round trip fares to residence of WILLIAM WEINER..... 21.56
  3. Telephone (metropolitan area)..... 6.00
  4. Food for 13 days for informant with most of meals being taken in restaurants and including meals purchased for comrades including BETTY GANNETT. Also including expenses incurred in connection with entertainment at residence of NY 694-S with comrades.....102.00
  5. Cab and subway transportation expenses, metropolitan area for 13 days, used in connection with making contacts. 75.00
  6. Items purchased for sick families, including a reading stand for WILLIAM WEINER and miscellaneous, such as flowers, candy, etc. Also including gifts for children of comrades, including WILLIAM LAWRENCE and MILTON HELLER..... 32.00
  7. Expenses for informant's share for party for informant and wife at residence of LENA SCHERER..... 10.00
- Total trip expense.....\$389.56

The informant in explaining the above items pointed out, as he has in the past, that when he was a Party functionary, he had been known for his generosity to persons who were ill, to the children of comrade families, and to comrades who were out of work and destitute.

In connection with the above trip, the informant pointed out that he went to New York under the cover that he had been called in in connection with his employment with the firm of NY 694-S and with the understanding that he was presently employed by that firm and making a wage. He said that under this cover, it was only natural and necessary for him to make certain expenditures, above described, because comrades know that he had always acted in this

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manner and any other entre by this informant might have caused the comrades to question the legitimacy of this cover.

In the case of the SCHERER's, the informant advised that they had arranged a party in the informant's and his wife's honor to which they invited people whom the informant would not otherwise have seen. Since both of the SCHERERs had been out of work for some period of time, informant felt obligated to share a part of the cost of this party.

In referring to the expense incurred while at the residence of NY 694-S, informant said that these expenses included the informant's fair share of the cost of food for the meals he and his wife took at NY 694-S' residence, as well as the informant's fair share of the cost of entertaining comrades whom NY 694-S invited to visit his home while CG 5824-S was in New York.

Informant advised that the cab fares above described, were used in connection with some of the meetings which he had. He also advised that it was necessary to use cabs in travelling to and from the WEINER home, or 11 separate round trips. The informant additionally advised that on January 28, 1954 he paid the cab fare to send BETTY GANNETT home.

The informant in itemizing the above, stated that he was giving the itemization to account in full for what he had spent, however, if the Bureau for any reason, felt that some of the expenses were unnecessary, he did not want reimbursement. He said that in his own mind, every expenditure, however, was necessary and made in the Bureau's interest.

For the Bureau's information, it is believed that the original amount requested (\$250) would have covered the total expenses of this informant for the estimated seven day trip. The difference between this amount and the total amount expended (\$389.56) making \$139.56, appears to have resulted because the informant had to stay in New York approximately one week more than anticipated.



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This informant is believed to have accurately and honestly listed his expenses to the best of his ability taking into consideration the fact that he could not carry anything on his person for security reasons. It is possible that some of the expenses above itemized may not be considered necessary for such a trip for a rank and file member of the Party; however, it is pointed out that the things the informant did in connection with the above trip were the same that he was known to do while he was a Communist Party functionary and that therefore the informant considered these expenses necessary in connection with this trip to further the interest of the Bureau.

If there is any question as to whether or not this informant remained an extra week in New York for personal reasons, rather than for reasons of the Bureau, it is pointed out that the informant knew that he was over-taxing his physical capabilities by remaining in New York for two weeks and that as a result was remaining this extended period of time the informant is greatly suffering with a chronic ailment to the extent that it is the most serious attack he has had since he has agreed to assist the Bureau.

It is believed that the above described expenses were reasonable and necessary and were made in the interests of the Bureau and further that the information obtained was such that he is to compensate the Bureau to a far greater extent than the amount of money involved.

Accordingly authority is requested to authorize this office to reimburse the informant for the balance of the actual total expense incurred on this trip in the amount of \$139.56.

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NEW YORK 3/4/54

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NY 694-S. INFORMANT REPORTS THAT CONTROVERSY WITH HIS ASSOCIATE RE CONTINUOUS DECLINE IN BUSINESS OWING TO INFORMANT'S FAILURE AS SALES REPRESENTATIVE TO DEVOTE SUFFICIENT TIME AND ENERGY TO SAID BUSINESS HAS RESULTED IN DISSOLUTION OF BUSINESS ASS'N. TO AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS, NY 694-S HAS WAIVED CLAIM TO CO. ASSETS. INFORMANT HAS NO RESERVE FUNDS AND MUST FIND MEANS TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY. HE COULD OBTAIN VARIOUS POSITIONS IN SALES FIELD BUT ACCEPTANCE THEREOF WOULD PREVENT HIS OPERATING FOR BUREAU AS HE HAS IN THE PAST. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INFORMANT'S BUSINESS, UNTIL NOW, HAS PROVIDED COVER FOR HIS OWN AND CG 5824-S'S OPERATIONS. INFORMANT WOULD LIKE TO OPEN SMALL, INDEPENDENT SALES AGENCY, WHICH COULD PROVIDE FOR HIMSELF AND CG 5824-S PROPER COVER BUT LACKS NECESSARY FUNDS. DETAILED LETTER RE THIS MATTER WILL BE SENT TO THE BUREAU. JACK COWAN, CANADIAN CP FUNCTIONARY, HAS INVITED NY 694-S TO SPEND 2 WKS WITH THE LATTER AT COWAN'S EXPENSE AT NASSAU, BAHAMA ISLANDS. SINCE INFORMANT IS PRESENTLY

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FREE TO GO IN VIEW OF DISSOLUTION OF BUSINESS, HE ACCEPTED COWAN'S INVITATION BELIEVING THAT 2 WKS CONSTANT ASS'N WITH COWAN WILL INGRATiate HIM FURTHER WITH COWAN AND WILL PRESENT OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE FURTHER INFO RE CANADIAN CP ACTIVITIES. NY 694-S PLANS TO LEAVE NY ON MONDAY, MARCH 8 FOR NASSAU. REPORT OF INFORMANT'S RECENT CANADIAN TRIP WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 3-8-54

FROM : SA C. N. Heyman

SUBJECT: Cg 5828-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 2-5-54 Personal.

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-2398 CPUSA  
100-CPUSA - Funds  
100-125.

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓

Discussion with informant Re NY Trip  
2-28 to 3-3-54 - Info obtained  
Re CP USA - Funds - persons involved,  
William Weiss Funeral - persons attending etc.  
Also Informant Contact with Betty Gannett  
Re tasks and other info obtained through  
Weiss family and persons contacted there.

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CG 5824-S

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Reference Chicago letter February 19, 1954 captioned as above summarizing the informant's re-activation efforts and information furnished through February 10, 1954.

The following is a summary of the informant's activities and reactivation efforts from February 11 through February 25, 1954:

From February 12 through 18, 1954 CG 5824-S, as a result of an extended trip to New York in January, 1954, suffered a recurrence of his chronic ailment to the extent that his doctor put him to bed for three days and confined him to his residence until February 19, 1954. The doctor's diagnosis was that the informant had completely over-taxed his physical capacities during the above trip and that he undoubtedly had incurred a block in an artery which caused a temporary paralysis of his left arm. It will be recalled that during the above described 14 day trip the informant traveled considerably in New York and worked from early morning until late at night in the interests of the Bureau in contacting comrades there.

The agent, in connection with what he has been observing about the informant's decline in health, has repeatedly told the informant that particularly on trips such as the one to New York, he must curb his contacts to the extent that he will be able to operate in the best interests of the Bureau and at the same time maintain his physical capacity to continue. In this respect the informant is most difficult to handle in that his replies to such remarks are that it is not possible to curb activities once you are engaged in operating in the Party and particularly in his case it is impossible for him to operate in any manner than as a full time Party person. The informant has repeatedly stated that he is out to help the Bureau to the fullest possible extent and that the only way he can do so is to operate as if he were a well man.

On ~~January~~ February 19, 1954 the agent had contact with informant at his insistence despite the fact that he was

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

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obviously still quite ill.

The informant displayed a note which he had received from SAM CARR, Canadian espionage subject, which had been referred to the informant by NY 694-S and had been written while NY 694-S was recently in Canada where he was in contact with CARR.

This correspondence is the first between the informant and SAM CARR since about 1947. It will be recalled that CARR and the informant were roommates at the Lenin school.

The informant stated the note was personal in content and most friendly in nature. CARR expressed sorrow on learning of the physical condition of their close associate WILLIAM WEINER. CARR, responding to the informant's note which had been delivered to CARR by NY 694-S wherein the informant indicated a desire to see CARR at some future date, expressed the hope that he and CG 5824-S could see each other in Canada this summer. CARR added that he is looking forward to a long chat with the informant in connection with their contemplated get-together.

The informant also on the same date displayed three letters recently received from LENA and MARCEL SCHERER, prominent New York Communists. Two items of importance to the Bureau were contained therein. First in importance was an item relative to certain letters presently being circulated in New York by an unidentified person or group which contain a thesis of criticism of the Communist Party national leadership and its policies and which letters ask for replies to be directed to a Post Office box presumably in New York. LENA SCHERER told the informant that she is attempting to obtain a copy of these letters and at the same time she told the informant that neither she nor her husband have received any of the letters.

The second item of importance contained in these letters concerned a meeting that the SCHERERS had on or about February 9, 1954 with "two friends from the Capital" during which she told the informant that she and her husband had told them much. The

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informant knows that the SCHERERS have contacts with individuals both in the USSR and Rumanian Embassies and from the contents of the letter, the informant expressed the opinion that the SCHERERS were in contact with representatives of the USSR Embassy and possibly with the First Secretary of the Embassy since the informant knows that they are acquainted with him.

On the same date the informant provided this office with five Communist Party shop bulletins issued in the Chicago District.

The informant also on the same date exhibited a note received from NY 694-S following his return from his recent Canadian trip. This note was not detailed but NY 694-S indicated that in conversations with Canadian Party leaders certain things had been discussed between him and them relative to the need for NY 694-S to travel. It was also indicated that the Canadians had invited NY 694-S to visit Nassau presumably at their expense in order for NY 694-S to have a vacation and at the same time obtain medical treatment.

On February 20, 1954 the informant telephonically advised that NY 694-S had contacted him by phone on two occasions during the evening of the above date. The first call advised the informant that WILLIAM WEINER was dying and that the informant should come immediately. The second call advised the informant that WEINER had died. On the occasion of the second call, the informant spoke with ESTHER WEINER, wife of WILLIAM WEINER, who asked the informant to come to New York at once. The informant advised this office that he would leave for New York by plane on the following day.

On February 21, instant, the informant contacted HARRY MILLER, proprietor of a Party business in Chicago and who was closely connected with Party fund work, and advised MILLER of WEINER's death at the same time telling MILLER that the informant needed money to go to New York. MILLER told the informant that he would "loan the money" and arrange for [redacted] to meet with him for lunch on

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February 23, to pick up the money. [redacted] succeeded in borrowing the money to send CG 5824-S to New York from a neighbor on February 21, instant.

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The informant on the same date advised that he wanted to go to New York because of the fact that as a result of the WEINER death, important decisions regarding Communist Party finances would have to be made and he wanted to be in a position to submit WEINER's suggestions made to the informant in January, 1954 relative to a successor to BETTY GANNETT. In that connection, the informant said that he hoped the Bureau had succeeded in making arrangements to permit GANNETT to travel to the bedside of WEINER prior to WEINER's death so that he could make suggestions personally to her. It will be recalled that among the suggestions for successors that WEINER had made to CG 5824-S in January, 1954, involved both CG 5824-S and NY 694-S. The informant advised that if GANNETT had not seen WEINER prior to WEINER's death, then CG 5824-S, of course, could not raise either the names of himself or NY 694-S for reasons of security.

Chicago had previously advised the Bureau by letter on February 3, 1954 of the above facts and had suggested that the Bureau might feel it advisable to make appropriate arrangements with INS to permit a meeting between GANNETT and WEINER. A reply letter of the Bureau dated February 18, 1954 asked New York to look into these matters, however, it appears that WEINER died prior to the time when any Bureau arrangements along these lines could have been effected.

CG 5824-S has telephonically contacted [redacted] from New York on four occasions since his departure on February 21, 1954. He has told [redacted] that he found the WEINER family practically alone following the death of WILLIAM WEINER and as a result he had arranged to stay at the WEINER residence and took almost complete charge of making funeral arrangements. In that connection the informant described WEINER as being almost a forgotten man insofar as the Party is concerned. He said that he had seen a number of people but it was assumed that these people were seen under circumstances where they had come to pay

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respects to WEINER and not alone. The informant did not speak publicly at the funeral of WEINER. NY 694-S was told by the Party not to appear at the funeral.

During the above described calls the informant also advised that BETTY GANNETT had left word that she wanted to see the informant before his departure from New York City. The informant in his call to [redacted] on February 25, 1954 said that GANNETT is ill with mumps and that he has been unable to see her to date but that he must see her before his departure. He also told [redacted] that he did not feel well enough to travel and further that he hoped to see GANNETT before the week-end was over. He also advised that he hoped to return to Chicago by March 1, 1954.

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#### Evaluation and Future Plans

It is difficult to express an opinion concerning the results of the informant's work during the past two weeks at this time because of the fact that complete details are not known to this office as of the date of the writing of this letter.

It is, however, felt that the informant's presence with the WEINER family during the period above described, has increased the informant's prestige among leading comrades in the Party and that this build-up together with the build-up that the informant has done in the past, will greatly assist in placing the informant in a key leadership position in the Party in the future.

Whether or not the informant is able to influence the choice of a financial successor for WILLIAM WEINER is not known at this time. It is believed that GANNETT on the occasion of their contemplated meeting may ask the informant for recommendations.

#### Income Tax Returns

Income Tax Returns have been prepared for both the informant and his wife and will be submitted in due course and the Bureau provided with copies. In connection with the filing of the informant's copy the address furnished

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by the Bureau in 1953 in Silver Spring, Maryland, is being used.

The Bureau will be advised of all developments.

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TIME: 4:11

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CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. INFORMANT RETURNED TO CGO. FROM NY ON MAR. THREE, LAST, BY TRAIN. PLANE TAKEN ON MAR. TWO, LAST, AT NY WAS FORCED TO LAND IN DETROIT AND THE INFORMANT RETURNED TO CGO. BY TRAIN FROM DETROIT. INFORMANT CONTACTED MAR. FIVE, LAST, AND FURNISHED DETAILED INFO RE CP, USA DASH FUNDS OBTAINED FROM CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH WIFE OF WILLIAM WEINER, FOLLOWING WEINER'S DEATH, FROM BETTY GANNETT, STANLEY LEVISON, AND LEM HARRIS. INFORMANT LEARNED THAT WEINER DID NOT TURN OVER CONFIDENTIAL CONTACTS AND FUND SOURCES TO CP BEFORE HIS DEATH AND THAT DOCUMENTS ARE STILL IN CUSTODY OF MRS. WEINER. MRS. WEINER IS EXTREMELY ANGRY AT CP BECAUSE OF TREATMENT OF WEINER AND HIS FAMILY BEFORE AND AFTER WEINER'S DEATH. INFORMANT, AFTER GETTING AGREEMENT OF MRS. WEINER TO TURN CONTACTS OVER ONLY TO BETTY GANNETT, SUCCEEDED IN GETTING GANNETT TO AGREE TO POSTPONE MEETING WITH MRS. WEINER FOR A FEW WKS. INFORMANT DID THIS TO

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PERMIT BUREAU TO POSSIBLY OBTAIN DOCUMENTS THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, ETC. INFORMANT ADVISED MRS. WEINER CARRIES DOCUMENTS IN PURSE AND HE BELIEVES OTHER PAPERS ARE LOCATED IN WEINER'S RESIDENCE BASEMENT. ABOVE INFO FURNISHED TO BUREAU AND NY BY AIRTEL MAR. EIGHT, FIFTYFOUR, CAPTIONED CP, USA DASH FUNDS. INFORMANT ADDITIONALLY REPORTED IN DETAIL ON WEINER'S FUNERAL. HE ALSO SAW BETTY GANNETT PERSONALLY AND HAD TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH HER RE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS EVERYDAY. INFORMANT ALSO HAD CONTACT WITH LEM HARRIS AND STANLEY LEVISON AND ADVISES THAT LEVISON IS TAKING OVER MOST OF WEINER'S FUND DUTIES THOUGH HE WILL NOT HAVE THE POLITICAL POWER FORMERLY ENJOYED BY WEINER. GEORGE WATT, WOPSEY, SR., AND LEM HARRIS, WILL HANDLE CERTAIN PHASES OF WEINER'S FORMER WORK. WATT WAS IDENTIFIED AS PRESENTLY BETTY GANNETT'S ASSISTANT. INFORMANT ALSO SAW AL LANNON, PETTIS PERRY, SAM SILLEN, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, THE <sup>LATTER</sup> ~~LEADER~~ FOR THREE <sup>HOURS</sup> ~~HRS.~~; JOE BRANDT, GEORGE WATT, LLOYD BROWN, SADIE WEISS, WIFE OF MAX WEISS, MAE WILLIAMSON, BERTHA STACHEL, AND OTHERS. CONCERNING CONTACT

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WITH GANNETT, INFORMANT WAS ASKED TO WRITE ARTICLES FOR CP PUBLICATIONS AND WAS ASSIGNED PEN NAME OF MICHAEL CARR. ~~INFORMANT~~ INFORMANT BELIEVES THIS NAME IS TOO CLOSE TO RIGHT NAME AND WILL HEREAFTER WRITE UNDER NAME MICHAEL KERR. ~~INFORMANT~~ INFORMANT TOLD GANNETT THAT HE COULD NOT BEGIN HIS WRITING UNTIL HE BEGAN TO PARTICIPATE IN QUOTE COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION UNQUOTE AND WOULD NOT WRITE IF HE HAD TO WRITE QUOTE PHILOSOPHICAL DISSERTATIONS UNQUOTE. GANNETT SAID THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THIS AND DID NOT WANT HIM TO WRITE UNLESS HE HAD THE BENEFIT OF QUOTE COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION UNQUOTE. THE MATTER WAS LEFT OPEN AND NO DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY HER LOOKING FORWARD TO QUOTE COLLECTIVE DISCUSSIONS UNQUOTE, WITH PARTY LEADERSHIP. THE INFORMANT HAD A THREE HOUR DISCUSSION WITH ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED ON DUE TO LACK OF TIME. DETAILED LETTERS ARE IN PREPARATION AND BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFCS. WILL BE ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. FOR INFO.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MARCH 8, 1954

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 3/19/54

FROM : SA C. N. Fryman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 3/9/ by phone.

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-125  
100-18016 (Chas Mitchell.)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ☒

- ① has contact with Chas Mitchell  
on 3/8/ details to be furnished  
on personal interview.
- ② have appointment with Wm Sennett  
on 3/11/54 —  
to be disseminated to Subj.  
Jelly & A 134-46 when  
details obtained.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-62041)  
ATTN : Asst. Director A. H. BELMONT  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-16441)

DATE: 3/12/54

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The following information was furnished to SA's [redacted] and ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 2/14/54, 2/26/54 and 3/2/54.

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It should be noted that despite careful paraphrasing of the information contained herein, said information, if incorporated in reports disseminated to agencies outside the Bureau, by its nature could be traced to the informant, exposing not only NY-694-S but also CG-5824-S.

Reference my airtel dated 2/19/54 summarizing information of immediate interest to the Bureau regarding NY-694-S's trip to Toronto, Canada, between 2/10/54 and 2/18/54.

PAUL PHILLIPS

Upon arriving in Toronto on 2/10/54, NY-694-S, following his usual security procedures, made several contacts with Canadian businessmen to create the impression that he was in Toronto on personal business. He then contacted JACK COWAN of the Canadian CP, who arranged a meeting for the informant at COWAN's office with PAUL PHILLIPS, Canadian CP National Treasurer. At this meeting NY-694-S delivered to PHILLIPS a memorandum concerning CP, USA activities, which had been given to the informant for delivery to the Canadian CP by BETTY GANNETT. The Bureau already has been furnished a copy of the said memorandum.

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- 1 - NY 100-81338 (CP, USA Security Measures)
- 1 - NY 100-89590 (CP, USA Strategy in Industry)
- 1 - NY 100-96985 (CP, USA Underground Operations)
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NY-694-S asked PHILLIPS whether he might meet TIM BUCK, head of the Canadian CP, but PHILLIPS replied that BUCK had been in Mexico recently, and had returned to Canada via Vancouver, whence he was en route to Toronto. PHILLIPS stated that BUCK was on a "speaking tour" while returning to Toronto, and was not expected to arrive in Toronto for another ten days.

To induce PHILLIPS to discuss BUCK further, the informant commented that he had read of a recent International Labor Conference in Mexico City, and that he assumed that BUCK had attended the said Conference. PHILLIPS replied that BUCK "had not gone there for that--that there was something else." In that connection, he said, "Tell BETTY GANNETT that TIM was able to contact 'the two people' there." (When the informant furnished this information to BETTY GANNETT upon his return from Toronto, she, according to NY-694-S, became visibly disturbed, and said, "My gosh--maybe he shouldn't have done it! Holy smokes!")

At this meeting with PHILLIPS the latter stated he desired to discuss several matters with the informant then, but would like to discuss them again in more detail before NY-694-S should leave Toronto. PHILLIPS said that a message had been received from the "Kommsoholes" (Phonetic), which, according to NY-694-S, is the Russian "Young Communist League", that a convention would be held in Moscow on 3/12/54. The message directed that two delegates be sent to the said convention from the Canadian YCL and two delegates from the American Labor Youth League. (The informant could not recall the specific name of the Canadian organization but described it as the Canadian organization of the "YCL".)

NY-694-S told PHILLIPS that in view of financial difficulties of the CP,USA, and difficulty with respect to obtaining passports, he was doubtful whether the CP,USA could accede to the Russian request. PHILLIPS said that the delegates would be reimbursed for expenses by the Russians, and that to expedite the matter, the Canadians would advance funds for transportation, would obtain travel tickets, and would obtain visas for the American delegates in Ottawa, Canada. All the Americans need do, he said, was to go to Canada as soon as possible.

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NY-694-S was directed by PHILLIPS to convey this message to BETTY GANNETT as soon as possible.

Continuing to discuss this matter, PHILLIPS stated that the Canadian delegates already had been chosen. One already was in Europe, ready to proceed to Moscow, and tickets for the other would be obtained on the following day. The aforesaid delegates, PHILLIPS said, were "PENNER" (Phonetic), first name unknown, who, upon his return from the said convention, would go into Party work, and ENDICOTT, first name unknown, mentioned above as being presently in Europe, whose father is JAMES B. ENDICOTT, winner of last year's Stalin Peace Prize. (This matter subsequently was reported by NY-694-S to BETTY GANNETT, who said she would make the necessary arrangements therefor.

PHILLIPS then directed NY-694-S to report the following to BETTY GANNETT:

The Bulgarian comrades in Detroit should be notified that "the Bulgarian correspondent is under suspicion and there is every reason for them not to report or print his articles."

The Bulgarians have sent goods valued at \$4,000 to the Canadians, the proceeds of the sale of which is to be divided between the Canadian Bulgarian group and the American Bulgarian group. This is the current method of indirect financing by the Bulgarians of the Canadian and American Bulgarian groups. The goods referred to are trinkets such as ash trays, figurines, etc.

PHILLIPS inquired whether the CP,USA would prefer to sell the goods themselves, or have the Canadians sell the goods and send the proceeds of the sale to the CP,USA. NY-694-S advised PHILLIPS to have the goods sold in Canada, stating that in view of U. S. business policy with respect to goods manufactured in satellite countries, there would be a better market for them in Canada.

PHILLIPS then stated that the Bulgarians had requested that six students of Bulgarian background--three Canadian and three American--be sent to Bulgaria on scholarships

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provided by the Bulgarians, the purpose being to indoctrinate them in Bulgarian traditions, which they subsequently would keep alive in Canada and the United States. If it were desirable, PHILLIPS said, more than three students could apply for these scholarships. When the CP,USA should determine whom they desired to apply for these scholarships, PHILLIPS stated, they should contact PHILLIPS regarding final arrangements with respect thereto.

PHILLIPS then ordered JACK COWAN, who was present, to take from his safe and give to NY-694-S for delivery to the CP,USA, five sets of Canadian naturalization papers. (The Bureau was advised concerning these papers in referenced airtel, and photographic copies thereof have been forwarded to the Bureau.) PHILLIPS indicated that the owners of these papers are dead, and said that the papers had been obtained originally "by an Act of Parliament." He did not say how he obtained them at this time.

According to NY-694-S, from his experience and knowledge of such matters, papers of this kind are of great value to the Party. In the past, and probably still, U. S. citizenship could be acquired by Act of Congress. Acquisition of citizenship papers in this manner did not necessitate submission of detailed history of an individual, or submission of photographs. Hence papers so obtained were ideal for the purpose of establishing fraudulent citizenship of another person, or for the purpose of obtaining a fraudulent passport for a person other than the owner of such papers.

Further mentioning these papers, PHILLIPS stated that they were papers which "the American girl" was to have picked up last summer in Toronto. It will be noted that in previous letters to the Bureau regarding NY-694-S's two trips to Canada, mention was made of "an American girl" for whom the Canadians had been waiting. On his first trip to Toronto, NY-694-S was instructed to tell BETTY GANNETT that the "American girl" for whom they--the Canadians--had been waiting daily as yet had not arrived. Upon receiving this message, GANNETT stated that she did not know to whom the Canadians referred, and directed NY-694-S to deliver that information to TIM BUCK on the informant's next trip to Toronto. When, on his second trip to Toronto, NY-694-S mentioned the "American girl"

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to TIM BUCK, the latter said that she finally did arrive in August but that he had not seen her, and that she had been in contact with STANLEY RYERSON (CP National Organization Secretary).

PHILLIPS made no explanation as to why the aforesaid citizenship papers were not picked up by "the American girl" in August. It is the informant's opinion that her arrival in Toronto in August was subsequent to the arrest of ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA fugitive, and that it was considered too dangerous at that time for her to transport the papers. The informant also offers--as pure opinion--the suggestion that a border crossing was being planned at that time, and that the papers mentioned above were intended for the use of either Communist fugitives or Communist underground personnel. Since BETTY GANNETT, as an open Party functionary, apparently was unaware of the identity of the "American girl" or the purpose of the latter's mission to Toronto--which now is disclosed to have been to obtain the aforesaid papers--, it would seem that the papers still are intended for the use of the CP fugitives or underground. (When NY-694-S attempted to deliver these papers to BETTY GANNETT, who is ill with mumps and confined to bed at her sister's home, GANNETT continued to profess no knowledge of the "American girl", and the purpose of the papers, and requested that NY-694-S hold the said papers temporarily.)

It should be noted that NY-694-S accepted the papers from the Canadians pursuant to instructions from GANNETT to bring back "anything" the Canadians might wish to send. It should be further noted, however, that the Canadians did not specify to whom the papers should be delivered, and that they may believe that NY-694-S knows to whom--other than GANNETT--the papers should be delivered.

In accordance with instructions from BETTY GANNETT, NY-694-S, in a subsequent interview with PHILLIPS, asked the latter whether the Canadian CP could assist the CP, USA financially, since the CP, USA "is in bad financial straits." PHILLIPS replied that the CP of Canada would be glad to be of assistance to the CP, USA, and suggested that such assistance could be given as follows:

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1. That the CP Canada could attempt to induce satellite countries to send goods to Canada for sale, the proceeds thereof to be given to the CP, USA. This could follow the pattern mentioned before with respect to the Bulgarians sending goods, the proceeds of the sale of which would be given to Bulgarian CP groups.

2. That there were "possibilities" in an export-import business, which NY-694-S might discuss with JACK COWAN.

3. That the CP Canada would be willing to set up a training school in Canada for the American CP, and would finance such an operation.

4. That the Canadians would be willing to help the American Party again as they did last year "when they got the businessman in Montreal to pay back a \$10,000 loan which WILLIAM WEINER had negotiated in the United States."

On his third and last meeting with PHILLIPS, the informant was told to remind BETTY GANNETT that the Canadians have a means of contacting the Russians. He said that at the November 7th celebration at the Russian Embassy in Ottawa, commemorating the commencement of the Russian Revolution, there were present 45 leading Communist Party members from various fields of CP activities. PHILLIPS indicated that "McLEOD", former member of the Provincial Parliament, is the Canadian Party's liaison agent with the Russian Embassy.

PHILLIPS also stated at this time that BETTY GANNETT should be informed that three delegates from South American countries would attend the Canadian CP National Convention in March 1954.

PHILLIPS also mentioned that the latest Canadian CP national registration reflected a seven to eight thousand membership, the dues collection from this membership being \$22,000 for the year.

Upon meeting JACK COWAN, NY-694-S was advised by the latter that for the past three weeks [redacted] wife of SAM SUMMER of the Niagara Auto Parts Company, had been

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calling COWAN on the telephone, indicating that SAM was in some kind of trouble. COWAN judged from her conversation that the FBI was "bothering" SAM. A week after her first call COWAN arranged to meet SAM at the latter's father-in-law's home in Niagara Falls, Ontario. It so happened that COWAN could not keep the appointment at that time.

It was then arranged that the meeting be held on 2/11/54, and since NY-694-S was there in Toronto, COWAN thought it would be well for NY-694-S to accompany COWAN and PAUL PHILLIPS to the said meeting. According to COWAN, it was his, PHILLIPS', and others' opinion that SUMMER's correspondence with NY-694-S regarding photographic equipment may have been responsible for the FBI's interest in SUMMER.

While en route to the meeting with SUMMER, NY-694-S, COWAN and PHILLIPS discussed the matter, NY-694-S suggesting possible reasons for the Bureau's interest in SUMMER. He mentioned the possibility that MANNING JOHNSON, former CP functionary in Buffalo, testifying frequently against CP defendants, may have "fingered" SUMMER. COWAN and PHILLIPS disagreed with him, stating that SUMMER's activities for many years had been well concealed, and that people like MANNING JOHNSON would have no knowledge of SUMMER's activities.

Arriving in Niagara, Ontario, COWAN, PHILLIPS and NY-694-S met SAM SUMMER at the home of HUGH DUNCAN, 1105 St. Lawrence Avenue. DUNCAN is SUMMER's father-in-law and is a CP member. After some personal conversation, SUMMER was questioned about the investigation of him by the FBI. SUMMER stated that FBI agents had talked to some friends of his about him, and that his friends had reported the incident to him. In the discussion that followed, SUMMER appeared not to regard seriously the possibility that his correspondence with NY-694-S had led to the FBI investigation. He likewise was not inclined to believe that MANNING JOHNSON or other such person would have known anything about him. SUMMER, according to the informant, generally seemed to make light of the matter, and to such an extent that the informant thought that SUMMER might be embarrassed by the informant's presence, and hence unwilling to talk.

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NY-694-S deliberately left the room on several occasions to give SUMMER an opportunity to express his opinions freely, but the informant was later advised by COWAN and PHILLIPS that he had not been mentioned again by SUMMER. The latter in the informant's absence had referred to routine FBI investigations and "McCarthyism" as possible reasons for the FBI's interest in him.

The informant described SAM SUMMER as a "very tight-mouthed individual." NY-694-S had asked SUMMER whether he had a brother, and the latter hesitated for some time before admitting that he did.

The conversation then drifted to GORDON BARRAGER, mentioned in previous letters as a Canadian custom guard, who, with SUMMER, had assisted SAM CARR, of the Canadian espionage ring, in border crossings. SUMMER praised BARRAGER highly and indicated that "BARRAGER is having a tough time now." He stated that BARRAGER is employed in a clerical capacity by the Unemployment Insurance Commission in Toronto, and continues to reside with CP functionary NORMAN FREED. BARRAGER still owns property in the U.S.A., from which he had been deported, and he is worried about this property. As yet, his wife has not joined him in Canada. Nothing in the conversation, however, according to NY-694-S, indicated that BARRAGER is engaged in any subversive activities at this time.

JACK COWAN

JACK COWAN, the informant's conversation with whom will be reported hereafter, is characterized by NY-694-S as an "outside man" for PAUL PHILLIPS, mentioned above, and is in charge of "Party contributors" and "confidential Party contacts." His role in the Canadian CP, according to NY-694-S, is similar to that of the recently deceased WILLIAM WEINER, who controlled the CP, USA secret financial apparatus.

COWAN furnished the following information to NY-694-S:

COWAN is in the process of selling his business (The Overseas Travel Agency, 762 Bathurst Street, Toronto) to a former employee, [redacted] with the understanding that

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COWAN continue to have use of the office. Although COWAN no longer will control the said business, the Communist Party of Canada will continue to employ the company for the purpose of securing travel accommodations. (NY-694-S, who met [redacted] expressed doubt that the latter is a Communist.) COWAN, who owns the building in which the Overseas Travel Agency is located, has sold the business to have time "for other activities." At the moment, in view of the possibility that East-West trade will be resumed, COWAN is attempting to determine whether he should engage in an export-import enterprise. He is in frequent correspondence with a British firm known as the London Export Company Limited, owned by one JACK PERRY, a wealthy businessman, who is a member of the Communist Party in England. COWAN met PERRY at the Moscow Economic Conference, to which PERRY had been a British delegate.

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PERRY is considering opening a branch business in Canada, and COWAN is willing to assist PERRY insofar as COWAN can benefit from the assistance given to PERRY. That is, COWAN would plan to gain business for his own World Trading Corporation, which operates out of the office where the Overseas Travel Agency conducts business.

COWAN is in contact with a man named BLINICK, first name unknown, who also is interested in the export-import business. COWAN and BLINICK are now bidding and negotiating for hogs' hair in China. As regards COWAN's interest in this particular enterprise, "it is for the Party." BLINICK, not otherwise identified by COWAN, is a resident of Toronto. NY-694-S inquired whether the American CP could share in this business, and COWAN replied that if it should become a reality, the Canadians would be glad to share it with the CP, USA.

COWAN also is in contact with a man in Montreal, a HARRY SANDERS, regarding the export-import business. It should be noted that SANDERS possibly is the individual referred to above as the Montreal businessman by whom the debt incurred by WILLIAM WEINER was paid.

Commercial attaches from satellite countries constantly contact COWAN for expert opinions regarding the advisability of shipping various articles to Canada for sale. The Russians, however, do not. Inasmuch as he seldom, if ever, obtains business for his World Trading Corporation from

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these commercial attaches, COWAN is quite angry with these individuals, who regard him as a "free advice bureau." Although the Russians do not contact him with respect to these matters, they send business to his travel agency. (According to the informant, PAUL PHILLIPS, mentioned above, was present during this particular part of the informant's conversation with COWAN. PHILLIPS, listening to COWAN's complaint about the commercial attaches of satellite countries, interposed the remark, "Don't take it so to heart. If they can't give it to us in the form of business, they can always help by subsidies.")

COWAN mentioned SAM CARR briefly, stating the latter's business--the L. Binder Company, 163 $\frac{1}{2}$  Church Street, Toronto--is doing well. COWAN said that the said business "is keeping SAM out of the Party's hair." According to COWAN, soon some of the loans made to CARR to set him up in business will be paid. COWAN mentioned that LOUIS SUKLOFF, JACK WECHSLER, ROBERT BROWN of the B & F Machinery Company of Chicago, and NY-694-S had loaned CARR \$500 each, and that COWAN himself had loaned SAM \$2,000.

COWAN stated that he was not prepared to discuss the matter of the proposed Canadian branch of the informant's company--the Aristo Grid Products Company--inasmuch as "the time was not yet ripe."

By indirect questioning NY-694-S attempted to ascertain from COWAN whether the latter was engaged in other than routine CP activities. The reply from COWAN was that he was "not involved." COWAN likewise indicated that JACK WECHSLER, LOUIS SUKLOFF and [redacted] were "not involved."

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STANLEY RYERSON

When NY-694-S met STANLEY RYERSON, National Organizational Secretary of the Canadian CP, who resides at 153 Dunne Avenue, Toronto, the latter referred briefly to the Canadian naturalization papers mentioned above, stating that he had instructed PAUL PHILLIPS to give them to NY-694-S. RYERSON and the informant reminisced concerning "the old days" in New York when RYERSON was in hiding there, the informant leading the conversation toward a discussion of

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border crossings. RYERSON stated that he had worked with CARL ROSS and the "American girl" on the matter of border crossings when "they" were last in Canada, and that he had argued at length with ROSS, protesting the latter's intention to utilize "the wide open spaces."

It should be noted at this point that a statement in referenced airtel dated 2/19/54 is inaccurate and misleading. The said statement is that "the girl for whom the Canadian CP had been waiting is an American girl who had worked with CARL ROSS on the border escape route." Discussion with the informant on a subsequent interview reflected that this statement is a conclusion of the informant, based upon RYERSON's repeated references to the girl working with ROSS as "the American girl" and "that girl." Although the possibility exists that RYERSON is referring to the same girl in both instances, the informant's conclusion, based on the evidence, is unwarranted.

As the factual situation exists, RYERSON is known to have been in contact with an "American girl" working on the border escape route with CARL ROSS, and with the "American girl" to whom the Canadian CP had desired to deliver the naturalization papers mentioned heretofore.

According to RYERSON, "two years ago, when the escape route was set up, guys used the route, but the route has not been used since the THOMPSON arrest." RYERSON made no further comments regarding the matter of border crossings.

Referring to TIM BUCK's having been in Mexico, the informant asked RYERSON whether the latter thought it wise that NY-694-S await BUCK's arrival in Toronto. RYERSON replied that he would discuss the matter with LESLIE MORRIS, another Canadian CP functionary, and that NY-694-S should contact MORRIS for a decision in this matter. The informant asked RYERSON whether BUCK had enjoyed his "vacation" in Mexico, and RYERSON stated that BUCK had not been in Mexico only on vacation. He added, with a wink, "TIM has seen some pretty good guys there."

RYERSON and NY-694-S then discussed the matter of the American delegate to the Canadian CP National Convention. RYERSON's choice, he said, would be WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

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NY-694-S informed RYERSON that according to BETTY GANNETT, the delegate to be chosen might be a member of the "Daily Worker" staff or a trade union youth leader. With regard to what part the American delegate should play in the Convention, RYERSON suggested that NY-694-S tell BETTY GANNETT that the said delegate "should give only fraternal greetings at the last hour on the last night of the Convention, and then 'take off.'"

With respect to method of travel to and from the said Convention, RYERSON stated that the Canadians have learned from experience the best method of border-crossing. He suggested that a Pullman bedroom reservation be obtained on a train that would cross the border at a time when passengers usually are asleep. A Customs check, he said, under such circumstances, is far from thorough since the Custom guards do not expect to obtain complete or coherent answers from a person whom they suddenly have awakened from sleep. He stated an instance regarding a CP traveler who, under orders from the CP, deliberately became intoxicated so that when questioned he obviously was not in a condition to give coherent answers to the Customs officials. According to RYERSON, referring to the general subject of crossing the border at night in a Pullman bedroom suite, "this was so good that TIM BUCK made a trip to the States two years ago in this fashion."

In a passing comment with regard to CARL ROSS, mentioned heretofore, RYERSON stated that while he was driving ROSS around in Canada, they were sure that they were being

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In the informant's last contact with RYERSON, the latter asked that NY-694-S convey his best regards to V. J. JEROME, CP, USA functionary.

RYERSON also requested that NY-694-S, before leaving Toronto, contact NORMAN FREED, Canadian CP National Educational Director, who would show the informant a series of articles concerning the Canadian spy case written by one WILLIAM RUBINS in "The National Guardian". RUBINS, according to RYERSON, drew certain conclusions in the said articles which might place the Canadian CP in an embarrassing position.

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LESLIE MORRIS

The informant's contact with LESLIE MORRIS, Canadian CP functionary, was brief, the chief purpose thereof having been to ascertain RYERSON's and LESLIE's decision with respect to whether NY-694-S should await TIM BUCK's arrival in Canada. LESLIE MORRIS stated it would be inadvisable to await BUCK's arrival inasmuch as the latter was not expected to return to Toronto for at least ten days. After a short discussion regarding the Canadian Convention and the choice of a delegate thereto from the CP, USA, MORRIS told NY-694-S he knew that NORMAN FREED wished to talk to the informant, and suggested that he bring FREED to the restaurant where NY-694-S and MORRIS were dining at the time.

NORMAN FREED

NORMAN FREED met NY-694-S in the restaurant mentioned above, and after engaging in general conversation regarding CP matters of no particular importance, discussed the aforementioned articles in "The National Guardian" by WILLIAM RUBINS. He said that since these articles in the future would appear in book form, the CP, USA should be advised that it would be wise to send the galleys to the Canadians for correction. FREED also said that RUBINS, who is "a good guy" should be contacted with respect to this matter.

SAM CARR

NY-694-S visited SAM CARR, and the latter was most cordial to the informant. In discussing FRED ROSE, former member of the Canadian espionage ring, CARR said he had heard that ROSE is still in Poland, and that the latter's wife and daughter are preparing to join him there. ROSE, according to CARR, recently has been telephoning to his wife, telling her to pack all house furnishings, and to come to Poland. Discussing whether it was wise for ROSE to remain in Poland, CARR said that ROSE apparently had been overwhelmed by the reception he received in Poland, but that such receptions are given "to everybody." CARR did not believe that ROSE's family's joining him in Poland would be in the Party's interest. Knowing ROSE's daughter, CARR believed that she

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would not long endure life in Poland. If, at some later date, she should go to the Canadian Embassy in Poland, seeking a visa, "there would be repercussions which would cause the Canadian CP much damage and loss of face." ROSE, according to CARR, "is a fool and does not know what he is up against."

CARR and NY-694-S then discussed WILLIAM WEINER, CP functionary who died two days after the informant's return to New York. Referring to WEINER's reaction to CARR's having returned from Russia to the United States, NY-694-S informed CARR that WEINER thought the latter had done right, and said he himself would have done the same thing.

NY-694-S then told CARR that sick as WEINER was, the latter had asked the informant in a whisper whether SAM "was monkeying around again" and whether "the Russkies were still playing hide-and-seek." CARR replied that he was "not monkeying around," and that as far as he knew, with his limited knowledge of the facts, "the Russians were not."

CARR then said he was "boiling mad" at the Russians; that so far as they were concerned, they had not had the decency to contact him, and to show an interest in his personal needs. He stated he was sure they knew exactly what he was doing, and also that he never had caused them any trouble. "What skin would it be off their backs," he said, "if they gave me a few thousand dollars to help me in my business, and to save me from worrying about running the business smoothly?"

When NY-694-S inquired how it would be possible for the Russians to know CARR's personal problems, and to give him money, the latter replied, "They have dozens of ways of knowing, and of doing it." He said the Russians are continually inviting "our people" to affairs; that it would be a simple thing for "McLEOD", the Party's liaison man with the Russian Embassy, to arrange matters. CARR stated that he is not a CP member now, and that his only activity--besides business--is the Jewish Peoples' Fraternal Order. NY-694-S noted that CARR's general attitude was one of discontent and restlessness. (In talking privately to CARR's wife on another occasion, NY-694-S was told that CARR is in a permanently

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unhappy mood. His wife also said that she would never tell him that before he left prison, the Canadian Party told her to tell CARR that the best thing for him would be to withdraw from the Party and from the public eye.)

CARR inquired whether NY-694-S had seen "GIBBY" NEEDLEMAN, and upon being told that the informant had not, CARR then inquired whether NY-694-S had given CARR's regards to his "Wall Street" friends. BARNEY SHEPARD, HERMAN WALLACH, [redacted] and [redacted] NY-694-S replied that he had given CARR's regards to SHEPARD and WALLACH, that [redacted] seemed to be missing (The report of SA BENNETT M. HIRSH dated 2/15/54 at Miami, in the case entitled [redacted] was, SECURITY MATTER-C", reflects [redacted] presently is a mental patient confined at the Hudson River State Hospital at Poughkeepsie, New York.), and that SHEPARD and WALLACH had told him not to contact [redacted]

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In answer to CARR's inquiry as to why NY-694-S had been told not to contact [redacted] the informant quoted SHEPARD and WALLACH as having said that [redacted] was in a bad frame of mind because ALBERT TZERKO, a former contact of CARR's, had not returned to [redacted] money which he borrowed, and which [redacted] now needs.

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CARR was quite disturbed upon hearing this, and said that regardless of what NY-694-S had been told by SHEPARD and WALLACH, NY-694-S must see [redacted] and explain to the latter that CARR in no way should be blamed for TZERKO's actions, and, if need be, CARR himself would repay SHRANK. According to CARR, he as yet has not learned the entire story concerning the loan by [redacted] to TZERKO, nor has he personally heard from TZERKO. All that he knows about TZERKO currently is that the latter is a music teacher on the West Coast. CARR said he always had been, and always would be, a good friend of [redacted] and that he never would forget what [redacted] had done for him.

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In another meeting with CARR, NY-694-S mentioned the fact that he had visited SAM SUMMER, and that the latter had stated that he was under investigation by the FBI. CARR, upon hearing this, said, "Do you know who that guy is? For

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"twenty years he was my chief border-crossing guy. Gosh, if anything should happen to him, it would be bad." CARR subsequently mentioned that in the past he had "fixed up" SAM MILGROM of the IWO with a "book" (NY-694-S advises that by "book" CARR meant a passport). In 1936, CARR stated, he "fixed up" GENE and PEGGY DENNIS along similar lines."

CARR also inquired whether NY-694-S had seen or heard from [redacted] is subject of New York file 65-16101. When the informant acted as if he were unfamiliar with the name [redacted], CARR said, "You must remember. He was RUDY BAKER's radio man and photographer." (It should be noted that when NY-694-S previously was in Toronto, CARR at that time made a similar inquiry concerning [redacted])

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Another comment of CARR's was that he had spent the summer prior to his arrest in Southampton, Long Island. CARR also made mention of the fact that he had "stayed" with BOB COE (CHARLES COE of the CP, USA Farm Commission) after CARR's return to the U. S. from Russia. He made inquiries furthermore regarding [redacted] one of his "Wall Street boys."

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CARR also expressed a desire that NY-694-S spend his summer vacation in Canada, bringing with him his family and CG-5824-S, to whom CARR particularly would like to talk. CARR wrote a note to CG-5824-S, suggesting this, the said note having been enclosed in a letter which NY-694-S was sending to CG-5824-S at the time.

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[redacted]  
NY-694-S's contact with [redacted] was productive of only the following pertinent information:

[redacted] said "they" had heard indirectly from AUBE TZERKO on the West Coast that he had been visited either by the FBI or the Immigration and Naturalization Service. [redacted] also furnished the information that last summer, "somebody" from the States either was visiting or "hiding out" at MINNIE COHEN's in Toronto, and that this unknown person had been [redacted]

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JAMES B. ENDICOTT

While visiting JACK COWAN at the latter's office, NY-694-S was introduced to JAMES B. ENDICOTT, winner last year of the Stalin Peace Prize. In the informant's presence ENDICOTT discussed with COWAN a contemplated trip to Japan in March 1954. According to ENDICOTT, he would attend as a delegate the International Pacifist Convention in Japan, his transportation being paid for by the International Peace Conference.

Upon NY-694-S's return to New York from Toronto, he was informed by "LEM" HARRIS, the "leg man" for the now deceased WILLIAM WEINER, that HARRIS, during NY-694-S's absence from New York, had received a message from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, CP functionary, that a woman "who had been with TIM BUCK" was attempting to contact NY-694-S. The informant contacted TRACHTENBERG regarding this matter, the latter stating that "a woman from TIM BUCK" had come to him, inquiring how she might locate NY-694-S. TRACHTENBERG, after ascertaining that the informant was out of town, sent the woman to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. When NY-694-S contacted FLYNN, the latter said that since she always associated the informant with "secret stuff", she had done nothing about "the woman from BUCK" except to attempt to locate NY-694-S for her. As yet the informant has not been contacted by this woman.

Inasmuch as the Bureau has advised New York that TIM BUCK recently was in Mexico with a woman named ELIZABETH MASCOLO, it is believed probable that the woman attempting to contact NY-694-S was this individual. MASCOLO, an American, sister of COHANNA CARY, another contact of TIM BUCK, reportedly has been living in Canada with BUCK for about five years.

As the Bureau has been advised, NY-694-S has accepted an invitation from JACK COWAN to spend a ten-day vacation in Nassau, Bahama Islands, at COWAN's expense, and expects to be in Nassau from 2/8/54 to 2/18/54. The informant was unaware of the fact that, as the Bureau and the Buffalo Office have advised, the Canadian Communists,

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LOUIS SUKLOFF and HAROLD "HY" LEWIS, MORRIS SUMMER of the Niagara Auto Parts Company, and two as yet unidentified persons also were en route to Nassau. Inasmuch as COWAN, for his own reasons, did not disclose to NY-694-S the fact that these other persons would be in Nassau, the informant, for his safety, and for the purpose of assisting him to plan his operations in Nassau, was furnished with information regarding this situation.

Upon NY-694-S's return from Nassau, the Bureau will be advised concerning his activities there. Should the activities of the COWAN group in Nassau be of immediate interest to the Bureau, the informant has been instructed to contact SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON of the New York Office as soon as possible.

Information contained herein is being disseminated to pertinent files.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 3/15/54

FROM : SA *CJ Frymer*SUBJECT: *95824-S - 3/13/54 by phone*

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DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - *Compl FE*  
 100 - *Sam Hadden Mark*  
 100 - *Elmer + Eugene Johnson*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

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 3/13/54 with above

② For Dissemination to  
 sub file # A-134  
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TO : SAC 134-46  
FROM : C. N. Freyman  
SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

DATE: 3-15-54

On 3-12-54 the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$134<sup>9</sup>.56 in full for expenses incurred during Jan, 1954 trip to NY this being the balance due him over and above the advance furnished him. Payment at Palmer House and receipt obtained was turned in to front office.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 3-15-54

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

On the above date the writer paid this informant the sum of \$400.  
for services rendered 3-1-thru 3-15- 54 Auth from 2-1 -6 mos dated  
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DATE: MARCH 15, 1954

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DIRECTOR, FBI

NY 694-S. CG 5824-S RECEIVED AIRMAIL LETTER FROM NY 694-S THIS DATE BEARING POST MARK OF MARCH 11 LAST AT NASSAU. NY 694-S ADVISED HE IS STAYING AT GLEN EAGLES GUEST HOUSE, EAST SHIRLEY STREET AND VILLAGE ROAD, NASSAU. HE SAID THAT HE IS STAYING WITH THREE OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND WAS SURPRISED TO FIND "PARTICULARLY ONE OF THEM THERE." HE DID NOT IDENTIFY PERSONS MENTIONED AND OBVIOUSLY WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DO SO. NY 694-S ADVISED CG 5824-S THAT HE SHOULD BE HOME IN A WEEK UNLESS THESE INDIVIDUALS CONVINCE HIM TO GO TO JAMAICA FOR ANOTHER HOLIDAY. LETTER CONTAINS NO ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION POSSIBLY DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT WAS WRITTEN. SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.

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CC: 1 - NEW YORK (134-91)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

March 15, 1954

SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

*jan* CG 5824-S

There is enclosed herewith carbon copies of the 1953 Income Tax Returns, which are being filed by CG 5824-S and his [redacted] on or about March 15, 1954.

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The Bureau's attention is called to Schedule G in the return of CG 5824-S. In compiling this section, the informant furnished records on the cost of literature, on the informant's telephone bill, transportation costs, etc. However, on some of the items listed, it was necessary to make estimates. Where this was done, in all cases the estimates were made in favor of the Government.

It will be noted that the total income figure included in this return all income furnished to the informant, together with the expenses paid to the informant for extraordinary purposes such as trips to New York. The deduction, therefore, in Schedule G also includes the expenses incurred in these New York trips.

It will be noted that the \$3,241.01 itemized expense list allowing for extraordinary expenses for which the informant was reimbursed considerably exceeds the \$100 per month allotment for expenses authorized by the Bureau.

It will also be noted that the return includes a Schedule C - for computation of the Self-Employment Tax. The informant insists on paying this tax because he feels he comes within the purview of the statute requiring such returns from an independent contractor. It is pointed out that no Social Security number is listed for the informant in this schedule. It is felt that Internal Revenue will either set up an account under the informant's assumed name or will write him at the address listed in the return to execute a Social Security form. Should the latter occur, then the informant will obtain a Social Security card under his assumed name.

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One additional copy of this letter is being  
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SAC, NEW YORK

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March 16, 1954

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SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG 5824-S

There is enclosed herewith a receipt executed on March 5, 1954 to SAC J. J. KELLY of the New York Office in the amount of \$250 for money advanced to CG 5824-S by the New York Office during the period when the informant was in New York from February 22 through March 2, 1954.

On March 5, 1954, the informant advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN that this money was obtained from the New York Office by NY 694-S and the informant is uncertain as to whether or not NY 694-S executed a receipt therefor. Should NY 694-S have executed an appropriate receipt in connection with the advance made to CG 5824-S, it is requested that the enclosed receipt be destroyed.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MARCH 15, 1954

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-340711)

March 17, 1954

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NY 694-S

Reference New York letter to Bureau dated March 4, 1954 captioned above, advising the Bureau of the status of the business of NY 694-S and requesting the Bureau's opinion as to whether or not financial assistance could be given to NY 694-S to enable him to establish a new business of a type that would permit NY 694-S to operate and at the same time to furnish a cover to account for employment and business trips of CG 5824-S to New York.

The Bureau is aware that for the past two years, CG 5824-S has indicated to local and New York Communists in the National Office that he is employed by the firm of NY 694-S and is the Chicago representative of that firm. That cover has enabled CG 5824-S to maintain a cover to account for money but has been primarily used to permit CG 5824-S to make three to four trips a year to New York in the Bureau's interest, in order to obtain National, District #2 and District #8 information concerning the CP program and the activities of individuals. These trips have also been necessary for CG 5824-S to make contact with National officials of the Party to effect the Chicago informant's reactivation effort.

Evidence of the success of CG 5824-S in these New York trips is currently shown through the quantity and quality of the information obtained in New York as shown by the extensive use of this information in New York reports captioned "CP, USA, IS-C". In addition, the informant by virtue of these trips has attached himself to the National leadership of the CP to the point where, as the informant states, he is treated and talked to in the same manner as if he were now a member of the National Committee.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this office that the Bureau would have a definite advantage if some arrangement could be worked out whereby NY 694-S could establish

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a sales business in New York of some type that would firstly, permit CG 5824-S to continue to have a business cover contact in New York to account for periodic trips to New York and secondly, would also operate as a cover to account for his current living expenses being provided by the Bureau. It is believed in that connection that such a program would be a definite part in the program for continuing to fully utilize the services of CG 5824-S since this informant is attached nationally to the CP and is in a position to get high level CP National information when he is in a position to get to New York under a logical cover.

Relative to the possibility that CG 5824-S may eventually be placed on the payroll of the National Office of the CP, it appears remote at this time, due to the fact that it is known that the CP is retrenching in the number of full time paid functionaries for economy reasons. In fact informant has recently learned that the CP is directing some of the heretofore paid functionaries to obtain outside employment for economy. It is therefore felt in view of this information, that since CG 5824-S is not a well man and further because his wife [redacted] is employed, that the possibility of employment of CG 5824-S on the CP payroll is remote. b7D

Further it is pointed out that the situation insofar as this office and the Bureau is concerned would not be solved should CG 5824-S secure outside employment in a Chicago firm. It is felt that the interests of the Bureau would not be served should CG 5824-S secure outside employment because it would remove the cover for future New York trips and further it would take him away from his full time efforts for the Bureau.

It is felt that if NY 695-S and the Bureau could work out a plan in the nature of a separate and independent business in the field of sales, this would make it possible for NY 694-S to continue to maintain a cover for CG 5824-S thus allowing CG 5824-S to explain trips to New York and permitting the Bureau to fully utilize the services of CG 5824-S.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 3/17/54

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

C.I.

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DATES OF CONTACT:

3-17-54 Personal

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-125-CP

100-Sam Hammersmith

100-12424 (Mother Book Store)

100-Elmer &amp; Emogene Johnston

100-Mr &amp; Mrs Dewitt Gilpin

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative:

Positive:

100-28658 (Rozz)

100-16042

100-22778  
Marta Stone  
(Alented)

100-28796 - Ben

100-15077

100-26322

100 - Communist FE UG

100 - CP Strategy in Industry

100-18261 Herb March

100-8000 Communist UPWA

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100-25767 L Hal Simon

100-18739

100-23211

PERSONAL DATA:

100-28364

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Re Chicago letter to Director, captioned as above, dated March 8, 1954, summarizing the informant's activities and reactivation efforts through February 25, 1954. The following summary covers the informant's efforts at reactivation and the information furnished during the period February 26 through March 12, 1954. This letter is additionally intended to cover the informant's trip to New York from February 21 through March 3, 1954.

The Bureau is aware that CG-5824-S was in New York on the Bureau's behalf in connection with the funeral of WILLIAM WEINER from February 21, 1954 through March 3, 1954. This trip was primarily made by the informant in order to, if possible, influence the Communist Party national leadership in choosing a successor who would either be an informant of the Bureau or one whom CG-5824-S or NY-694-S was friendly with. Another purpose for this trip was to, if possible, obtain information as to the identity of confidential finance sources of the National Communist Party as well as businesses which were either begun or operated directly or indirectly by WILLIAM WEINER during the period of his life.

On March 5, 1954 and again on March 12, 1954 the informant was contacted and reported in detail concerning the above described trip, particularly on his conversations with the wife and family of WILLIAM WEINER concerning the National Party finances, the handling of Communist Party confidential finance matters up to the time of WEINER's death and to the status of the financial matters following the death of WEINER.

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The informant was able, through his contacts with the WEINER family and through contacts with other individuals such as LEM HARRIS, BETTY GANNETT, STANLEY LEVISON and others, to determine that up to the time of WEINER's death he had not turned over his most confidential Communist Party contacts and business sources to any Party successor. The informant also learned that Mrs. WEINER still held the most confidential items on Party finances and through the informant she agreed not to pass them to anyone for a period of approximately a month, at which time she agreed to see BETTY GANNETT and GANNETT alone. The informant sought this agreement in order to afford the Bureau time to work out possible ways and means to obtain the list of contacts which the informant was able to advise the Bureau is either in Mrs. WEINER's personal possession or in WEINER's residence basement.

The informant was also able to ascertain that STANLEY and ROY LEVISON are presently in charge of the most confidential duties involving Party finances, although, according to the informant, neither of these individuals have been given the full political powers that WEINER enjoyed on finances during his lifetime. The informant additionally ascertained that GEORGE WATT, now Assistant to BETTY GANNETT, has taken over certain financial responsibilities believed to be with the underground of the Party. The informant also learned that LEM HARRIS and WOOFSEY, Sr., continue to have some responsibility for Party finances, although HARRIS, it was determined, does not have the power that he formerly enjoyed and in fact is now going to a night school preparing to take a part-time job selling insurance to farmers. New York was advised by airtel on March 8, 1954 of the condition of Party finances and of the location of the records which, if they could be obtained, would be of great value to the Bureau.

The informant additionally, during his trip to New York, had contact with NY 694-S with BETTY GANNETT. This meeting was delayed almost a week because GANNETT at that time was ill at home with the mumps and unable to make personal contact with both of these informants.

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During this meeting NY-694-S furnished GANNETT with certain instructions which he was conveying to her from the Canadian Communist Party and at the same time the New York informant furnished GANNETT with two birth certificates which she was instructed to furnish to individuals who were to report to Canada for ultimate trip to Moscow. During CG-5824-S's conversation with GANNETT she told the informant about the new Party program which was coming out in the "Worker" on the following week-end. She said that the leadership expected criticism of the new program because it does not hit heavily enough on Socialism. She told the informant that it is a program that will deal with the economic situation, with McCarthyism and reaction and on the question of peace and unity involving the united front against reaction. She said the program is designed to stop the liquidation of the Party and requested the informant to discuss the program with the District leadership, including MOLLIE LEIBER WEST, in order that the leadership would make no mistakes in connection with the discussion period on this program.

GANNETT told the informant that she wanted the informant to write a series of articles for possible publication in "Political Affairs". She said that she wanted the informant to write under the name of MICHAEL CARR; however, the informant, on interview, advised that he was telling GANNETT that he would write under the name of MICHAEL KERR, because the name of CARR is too similar to the informant's true name. The informant, during his discussion with GANNETT, told her that he would not write unless he could have collective discussion with leadership and added that he was not going to write merely philosophical dissertations. The informant advised that GANNETT stated that she understood his position and would not want him to write purely philosophical dissertations. The informant advised that she did not state to the informant that she would put him in touch with any members of leadership for "collective discussions" but the informant said that it was clearly understood between him and GANNETT that such discussions were necessary if he was to write.

The next most important contact during the informant's trip to New York was his contact with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, with whom the Chicago informant

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and NY-694-S had a conversation which lasted approximately three hours.

Three important topics were discussed between FLYNN and the informant involving the following subjects:

1. The fact that there is a lot of friction (Factionalism) in the very top leadership of the Communist Party. In that connection FLYNN indicated friction existed between individuals such as FOSTER, BETTY GANNETT and ALEXANDER BITTELMAN.

2. FLYNN pointed out that as FOSTER gets older it is becoming more and more difficult to work with him and due to his sensitivity to criticism many people, leading Comrades, hesitate to disagree with him even when he, FOSTER, is wrong.

3. There are sharp differences in dogma and theory in the highest echelons in leadership. FLYNN pointed out how the Party leadership today makes big things out of little things in its theoretical discussions and cited examples to prove her point. For example, today there is extensive discussion in the Politburo of the Party regarding FLYNN's position on the question of force and violence and the dictatorship of the Proletariat that she, FLYNN, took during the last New York Smith Act trial.

In addition to the above, the informant was able to ascertain from FLYNN that within the last few months she had a meeting with MAX WEISS in New York City in the vicinity of 165th Street and Riverside Drive and further that this meeting was held in the apartment of a close, long time friend of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN who resides in the above described area.

In addition to the above described contact, the informant also had contact with LENA SCHERER, prominent District No. 2 Communist, and from SCHERER was able to obtain additional information concerning the expulsion

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of WILLIAM and FRANCINE ALBERTSON, the former a District No. 3 functionary of the Communist Party and the latter his wife. In that connection the informant furnished the full details concerning ALBERTSON's expulsion and this is a closely guarded inner Party secret which is not even known to ALBERTSON's divorced wife.

In addition to the above contacts, the informant saw approximately 25 other people, mostly in connection with short conversations either at the funeral home during the exposition of the WEINER body or at the cemetery or for short periods at the offices of the individuals above described. Among these contacts were contacts with the following wives of Smith Act fugitive subjects and Smith Act subjects who are either in jail or being looked for by the Bureau:

MAE WILLIAMSON  
PEGGY DENNIS  
EDNA WINSTON  
SADIE WEISS, wife of MAX WEISS

In connection with the informant's conversations with SADIE WEISS, she told the informant that her husband, MAX WEISS, had been seen by her recently and that he had sent the informant regards.

The informant also saw the following individuals in addition to the above people:

LEM HARRIS -- informant learned considerable information concerning Party finances and a recent Party Farm Commission meeting  
LLOYD BROWN -- author of the book "Iron City"  
PAT PERRY -- member of National Committee of the Communist Party  
"GIBBY" NEEDLEMAN -- identified by NY-694-S as presently a Soviet Agent in this country.  
SAM BROWN, aka. Brownstein -- Assistant of NEEDLEMAN  
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and wife -- informant had a short discussion with PATTERSON and his wife.

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GEORGE WATT - informant had a short conversation on political and security matters with WATT

JOE NORTH -- a short discussion

SAM SILLEN - a short discussion

RUBIN SALTZMAN - a short discussion

SAM PEVZNER - a short discussion

ABE GREENE - a short discussion, National  
Director of IWO

ABNER GREEN - National Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

WILLIAM TAYLOR - former CP functionary in Washington, D. C.

BOB PATTERSON - former CP functionary in Harlem and recently arrested in Cleveland as Smith Act subject.

V. J. JEROME -- informant only had a short discussion but JEROME wants to see the informant

NATE ROSS - a short discussion

WILLIAM LAWRENCE - a short discussion re finances of national office and efforts of District No. 2 and "Daily Worker" to try and get some of confidential finance contacts of WILLIAM WEINER

Summary of Efforts of this Informant  
in Connection with his New York Trip

The informant advised on March 12, 1954 that in his opinion the trip was extremely valuable both from an informational standpoint as well as from the standpoint of the informant's efforts to place himself in a high position in the Party. The informant, in connection with the latter matter, advised that the WEINER funeral was the first public appearance the informant had made in connection with his Party activities and it afforded him to be seen and to see people whom he had not seen in six or seven years and some of whom were particularly influential. The informant, of course, includes in this group such people as EDNA WINSTON, SADIE WEISS and PEGGY DENNIS because the informant knows these women see their husbands from time

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to time and pass on information concerning the informant to these people. Since all of these people are people in the National Leadership with whom the informant was friendly, the informant believes these contacts, from a long range standpoint, are extremely valuable. The informant also had a long discussion with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and from reactivation standpoint this is believed to be very important because ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is in need of political and theoretical guidance and looks to the informant for such guidance because she is weak on theory. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is influential in the National Committee of the Party and this again is another contact the informant is using in connection with a long range program. The informant's contact with BETTY GANNETT was again most friendly. She appears to trust CG 5824-S as well as NY 694-S implicitly and the messages and material that NY 694-S brought to her from Canada can not help but to solidify both NY 694-S and CG 5824-S in connection with their relationship to the leadership in the top echelons of the Party.

It is also believed significant that BETTY GANNETT asked the informant to write because she knows the informant will not write unless he has the benefit of "collective discussion". This means, according to the informant, that it is understood between him and GANNETT that before he writes he will be placed in contact with top leadership of the Party for discussions of Party strategy and policies. When this will occur no one can guarantee. However, since GANNETT has raised the matter of the informant's writing on two occasions now, it is believed that some efforts will be made by her to place the informant in a position where he is engaging in "collective discussion".

On March 11, 1954 the informant had personal contact with WILLIAM SENNETT, District Organizer of the "Operative" Leadership of the Party in District #8 for approximately two hours. This appointment had been arranged for by SENNETT himself through earlier contacts during the past two weeks with [redacted] of CG 5824-S.

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The purpose of this contact, according to SENNETT, was to get the informant's ideas on certain political problems in District No. 8 of the Party, particularly in reference to the Party campaign against McCarthyism, against Congressman VELDE, and the Party program in connection with the 5th Senatorial district of the State of Illinois, wherein the Party is taking a particular interest.

At the opening of the meeting the informant was asked by SENNETT to see SAM HAMMERSMARK at the earliest possible date to tell HAMMERSMARK that he is being replaced by the Party at the Modern Book Store by OTTO WANGERIN so that the store can be more actively managed and that WANGERIN can do a better job on the pushing of "inner Party literature". SENNETT told the informant that he personally is unable to do the job because he knows HAMMERSMARK will not listen. He told the informant that the informant is the only person in the District who can do the job and who HAMMERSMARK will listen to. SENNETT said that the Party had agreed to pay HAMMERSMARK the difference between what HAMMERSMARK is now drawing at the Modern Book Store and what he will get from Social Security. He told the informant that HAMMERSMARK is just too old to work in the book store and that the Party decision had been made that WANGERIN must succeed him. The informant told SENNETT that he would agree to see HAMMERSMARK but could not guarantee that HAMMERSMARK would listen to the informant. SENNETT told the informant to make it clear to HAMMERSMARK that the above is a Party decision. The informant told SENNETT that he would tell HAMMERSMARK to take along vacation or to do a more important thing, such as writing his own biography.

SENNETT then told the informant that the Party has made Congressman VELDE's Congressional District at Peoria a concentration point and was operating in that District but not using the Party name in efforts to defeat VELDE in the primary. He also discussed in detail with the informant the recent racial disturbance in the Trumbull Park area in Chicago and told the informant that the Party has been instrumental in arranging a large mass demonstration for March 28, 1954, at the City Hall. A letter purportedly issued by the Negro Chamber of Commerce

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of Chicago, according to SENNETT, is in reality the work of the Party.

SENNETT also told the informant that the Chicago District has a recently been requested by Detroit and Pittsburgh to raise \$10,000 immediately to support their various programs. He told the informant that the Party here has donated \$7,000 in cash to St. Louis and has raised a considerable amount of bail money for the St. Louis Smith Act victims.

The informant was then asked for his Party dues and SENNETT told the informant that his Party dues and assessments up to March 1, 1954 were \$22.50, which the informant paid. SENNETT then told the informant that the matter of the informants being attached to a leading committee of District No. 8 has been taken up with the Party underground leadership. The informant was told that the underground leadership desired the informant to be attached to the trade union commission; however, SAM KUSHNER, Chairman of the District No. 8 Board had presented the proposition to certain Party trade union leaders in the District who had told KUSHNER that while they would like to work with the informant they feared working with the informant because he was too well known as a Party leader and they feared possible Taft-Hartley repercussions if they met with him. SENNETT, therefore, told the informant that the matter of assignment of the informant has again been referred to the underground and now discussion is being held on attaching him to the Cadre Commission of the District. In that connection he told the informant that the present Cadre Commission consists of the following people:

LEON KATZEN, presently underground  
JIM KELLER, presently under deportation in  
this District

The informant advised at this point he indicated anger with SENNETT and asked him to tell the underground leadership that he, the informant, is getting fed up with the attitude the underground leadership is taking in



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connection with seeing the informant. He told SENNETT to tell the underground leadership that it is easier for him, the informant, to see the National leadership of the Party and to make contact with the leadership in jail than it is for the informant to see the underground people in his own District. He told SENNETT to ask the underground leadership whether they understood the meaning of "collective leadership and discussion". He then asked SENNETT whether it was subjective reaction which the leadership had against the informant and was told by SENNETT with regard to SAM KUSHNER that SAM KUSHNER does not even know that the informant opposed the International Harvester strike last year in the Chicago area, which was sanctioned by KUSHNER. SENNETT also advised the informant that the informant is aware that he, SENNETT, in addition to the informant, was against the naming of SAM KUSHNER as Chairman of the Operative Leadership of District No. 8, Communist Party.

In summary SENNETT told the informant that there was absolutely no subjective reason why the informant had not met with the leadership above described. He attempted to apologize for this leadership to the informant saying that this leadership had originally understood that the informant was to be used and solely at the disposal of the national organization.

SENNETT then told the informant that even he can not get in touch with the "Reserve Leadership" of the District (ED STARR and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT). He then told the informant that the District Board had not met in over a month and indicated some dissatisfaction with the present arrangement of leadership as it effected him personally. In that connection SENNETT confidentially told the informant that it now appears that he too is going to have to look around for outside employment, despite his present official duties.

SENNETT next told the informant in discussing [redacted] that the decision has been finalized for her to work with LEON KATZEN in connection with Party finance work. He indicated surprise that KATZEN was not in contact with her.

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The informant next made inquiry as to what arrangements SENNETT was making for the informant to

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obtain all of his literature. SENNETT told the informant that DICK CRILEY was in charge of all inner Party publications but that he is not paying any attention to the job and that he, SENNETT, has not seen him in over a month. He then told the informant that in order to protect [redacted] as well as the informant he was going to give the informant a runner who can make contacts for the informant as well as pick-up the informant's literature and other requirements. He then told the informant that MILTON COHEN could not handle this because he was doing something else at the present time and SENNETT did not want to disturb this operation. SENNETT then assigned a Spanish veteran, ERNEST ROMERO, who is described as the former runner for JACK KLING, for the informant to use in the future and told the informant to get in touch with ROMERO at the earliest possible time.

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SENNETT next exhibited his personal notes about a recently held "Daily Worker" conference which he had with representatives of four divisions of the Party in the District. These notes outlined in detail the Party program to reach 85 per cent of the goal for subscriptions for the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" by March 28, 1954. SENNETT also told the informant that a conference is being held on that date at Milda Hall, 3142 South Halsted for the purpose of finalizing the drive to conclude the subscription drive by April 15, 1954.

Concerning the subscription drive for "Daily Worker" and "The Worker", SENNETT told the informant that the drive is not going badly and that the Party now has 612 subscriptions but needs 690 more by March 28, 1954. He then told the informant about mobilization programs for the week-ends of March 14 and 21, 1954 so that the 85 per cent goal can be obtained by March 28, 1954.

The informant and SENNETT next discussed the informant's and [redacted] Party registration for the year 1954. SENNETT, in that connection, told the informant

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that there are no names being used on the registration forms and the purpose of the registration is only to give the Party a general knowledge of the number of people in the Party at the present time and the composition of the various groups. He told the informant that there was no formal registration last year but that the Party had one two years ago, at which time the Party noted a terrible loss in membership both in this area and national. He attributed the Party's methods of operation during that period as a reason for the huge loss of the membership. He told the informant that he still expects to show a loss of membership in the current registration over the registration of two years ago but it is his opinion that the registration figures have leveled off although he expects some slight losses in the current registration over the registration of two years ago. The informant, in that connection, furnished SENNETT with registration data for himself and [redacted]

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On March 8, 1954 the informant had personal contact for approximately 3½ hours with CHARLES MITCHELL, leading CP trade unionist in the Chicago area. MITCHELL told the informant that his confidential assignments are almost all over and that he is going back to work now at the International Harvester plant where his Party assignment is to concentrate on Party work among the Polish people employed in the plant. He said in that connection that he will work closely with "CHUCK" HALL, who, together with MITCHELL, is having disagreements with the present Farm Equipment Workers union leadership in the plant.

In connection with the conversation the informant had with MITCHELL, the informant was able to ascertain the Party name for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District No. 8 Organizer of "Reserve Leadership" is "ALEX" and this is the name MITCHELL knows LIGHTFOOT under in connection with his association with LIGHTFOOT.

#### Evaluation and Contemplated Plans

It is believed that the developments within the past two to three weeks both in New York and in the Chicago area, are indicative of the potential of this informant

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both from the information he will be in a position to furnish as well as from the standpoint of the informant's placing himself at a high position in the Party.

It will be noted in that connection, leaders both at a national and district level now are anxious to see the informant and to seek the informant's advice both on matters concerning Party policies and also on matters involving the relations of individual Comrades with other individual Comrades in the leadership of the Party. The informant appears to have been successful in laying a solid ground work among these people for contacts in the future with underground leaders. It is believed that in this connection he has maneuvered himself through contacts with people like GANNETT and SEWETT to the point where both of these individuals are going to have to produce underground leadership for "collective discussions" with the informant in order that they can obtain the cooperation of the informant for the tasks that they desire him to do in the future.

It is believed that the informant's pointed remarks to SEWETT concerning the difficulty of seeing District No. 8 underground leadership was both timely and opportune and that there will be definite results forthcoming. Should the informant become attached to the Cadre Committee of the District, it is believed that through this position the informant will be able to furnish extremely valuable information as regards the assignment of personnel in this area.

The informant, as a result of his experiences in New York, particularly pertaining to the manner in which the Party handled the WILLIAM WEINER funeral, is more convinced than ever that he is right in assisting the Bureau and is more anxious to do a good job than ever before.

On March 15, 1954 the informant's income tax return together with that of his wife was filed under the assumed name previously furnished to the Bureau. The address used was the same as was used in 1953.

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With regard to the informant's future work, the informant has intentions of continuing to operate at an accelerated rate of speed due to the fact that the Party people are beginning to demand more audiences with him. His health has improved to some extent following his return from New York.

On March 12, 1954 SAC W. G. BANISTER and Supervisor JOSEPH P. MC MAHON had a short audience with the informant which was arranged primarily to acquaint the SAC with the informant. The meeting was shorter than was expected due to the fact that the SAC had to leave the meeting on urgent Bureau business; however, it is expected that a second meeting will be arranged at a future date.

The informant is extremely upset concerning the loss of his business cover with the firm of NY-694-S in New York due to the fact that it will be more and more difficult for him to arrange a cover for future trips to New York. Since much of the extremely high level information obtained by CG-5824-S is obtained in New York, the urgency of making a new cover for this informant in New York is apparent. Discussion has been held with the informant as to the possibility of the informants becoming attached to the National Communist Party payroll at a future date, thus permitting him to travel to New York from time to time. The informant has advised that in his opinion this, at the present time, is an extremely remote possibility. The reason is that the Party, from information the informant obtained in New York and recently in Chicago, is presently cutting down its payroll budget to the bone, particularly on functionaries who are out in the open or in a position to work in connection with their Party duties or whose wives are presently working. Since the informant is not a well man and since individuals like SENNETT are even speaking of looking for outside employment and further because the wife of CG-5824-S is known to be working, the informant considers the possibility of his being placed on the Party payroll extremely remote.

This office has directed a separate letter to the Bureau under the caption of NY-694-S explaining the

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need for development of a cover for CG 5824-S in New York, which cover would allow both of these informants as much time as possible to assist the Bureau.

Detailed letters under appropriate caption are in dictation and reflect full information on informant's New York trip and will reach the Bureau and interested offices in the next few days.

One additional copy of this letter is being transmitted to the Bureau for the file of

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The Bureau will be advised of all developments.

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INFORMANT WILL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT SAC, MIAMI, USING  
CODE NAME HAROLD LASKY. INFORMANT WILL STAY AT RESIDENCE  
OF EX DASH WIFE, FIVE TWO TWO SOUTHWEST THIRTYFIFTH AVE.,  
MIAMI. MIAMI IS IN POSSESSION OF TRUE NAME OF INFORMANT  
BUT SHOULD NOT CONTACT INFORMANT AT RESIDENCE BECAUSE  
FORMER WIFE IS UNAWARE OF HIS ACTIVITIES FOR BUREAU. TRIP  
IS CONSIDERED MAINLY PERSONAL AND NO EXPENSE REQUEST  
BEING MADE OF BUREAU. FOR INFO.

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March 25, 1954

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Re New York letter to the Director March 4, 1954, and Chicago letter to Director March 17, 1954, in the case entitled NY 694-S pertaining to the loss of the business of NY 694-S and its significance as it relates to the loss of a business cover for CG 5824-S.

CG 5824-S advised on March 16, 1954 that he had just received a letter from the wife of NY 694-S, who stated that the business difficulty of NY 694-S is beginning to become known and talked about among business associates in the photographic field as well as amongst comrade associates of NY 694-S and CG 5824-S.

The Bureau is aware that CG 5824-S has used the business of NY 694-S as a cover for employment purposes as well as for the purpose of covering his trips to New York during the past year and a half.

CG 5824-S has requested that New York contact NY 694-S as soon as possible after the return of NY 694-S from Nassau to discuss with him an exact termination date for the employment of CG 5824-S with the firm of NY 694-S. The informant has advised that when he was in New York he generally discussed this matter with NY 694-S, and it was decided at that time that NY 694-S could explain to the comrades that his business had been slow, and that his business partner had insisted that the firm solicit defense contracts. It was agreed that since NY 694-S knew he could not get clearance to enter defense contract plants, that it would be perfectly logical for the New York informant to tell the comrades that since his partner insisted on attempting to get defense contracts, he had decided to step out of the business rather than to try to explain to his partner that he was not able to make such contracts.

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In order to further clarify these plans, CG 5824-S understands that NY 694-S believes he can indicate to the comrades that CG 5824-S is still temporarily receiving money from NY 694-S, but at the same time has been taken off the firm payroll for the time being.

In order that the stories of both these informants will coincide, CG 5824-S requests the matter be carefully discussed with NY 694-S, and particularly that NY 694-S agree to a date for the severance of services of CG 5824-S from employment in the firm of NY 694-S.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, CG 5824-S has laid the basis for such a severance in Chicago among the comrades by indicating to them that the business of NY 694-S is slow and that there may be certain business changes made that would effect the employment of CG 5824-S in the firm of NY 694-S. Informant has also made it known that NY 694-S is looking for other business connections in the sales field with the view of possibly again connecting up CG 5824-S with the new business of NY 694-S, and permitting CG 5824-S to represent NY 694-S in Chicago.

New York is therefore requested to discuss the above matter in detail at the earliest possible date with NY 694-S, and to obtain from him any suggestions he may have on the above matter so that the informants stories will not be subject to question.

One additional copy of this letter is being submitted to the Bureau for the file of CG 5824-S, Bufile 61-7665.

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March 29, 1954

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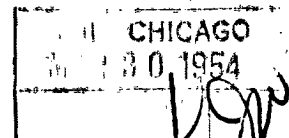
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On March 18, 1954 CG 5824-S orally advised the writer that on March 17, 1954 he had personal contact with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] residence, at which time [REDACTED] agreed to act as a runner for the informant in connection with the informant's obtaining of Party literature and making necessary contacts for the informant which the informant could not himself do for security reasons. The informant was told by [REDACTED] that he sees RALPH SHAW and his wife several times a week inasmuch as they socialize with each other. [REDACTED] in explaining this stated that his [REDACTED] wife, is related to one of the Smith Act defendants in St. Louis, and since SHAW had his major Party activities in St. Louis they have a common interest in the big time.

The above information concerning [REDACTED] acting as a runner for the informant, must be carefully handled and reported in such a way as to afford this highly placed informant with maximum security. Should [REDACTED] his wife, or any close associates of these people ever be contacted for any reason there must be no mention made of the above information. Should any open investigation of [REDACTED] or his wife be conducted in the immediate future, and while [REDACTED] is acting as a runner for the informant, it is requested that liaison be had with the agent handling CG 5824-S in order not to interfere with anything between the informant and [REDACTED]

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- 1 - 100- (RALPH SHAW)
- 1 - 100- (MRS. RALPH SHAW)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

March 29, 1954

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*John* SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG 5824-S

Re Bu airtel to New York with copy Chicago, entitled "CG 5824-S", dated February 23, 1954, authorizing New York to advance CG 5824-S \$250 for expected expenses in connection with the informant's stay in New York of approximately ten days on the occasion of the funeral of WILLIAM WEINER, former National Treasurer of the Communist Party.

On March 17, 1954, CG 5824-S advised that again he was unable to keep any records of expenditures during his trip to New York from February 23, 1954 through March 3, 1954 for reasons of security. Informant advised that he was unnecessarily delayed on his return trip to Chicago due to the fact that the plane in which he was traveling was grounded at Detroit, and he was required to spend the night of March 2 in Detroit, and to return to Chicago by train on the following afternoon. The informant advised that in addition to the Bureau advance of funds in the amount of \$250, he had expended roughly approximately \$30 in addition from his own funds.

The informant advised that prior to his departure from Chicago on February 21 last, he had contacted HARRY MILLER, who agreed to guarantee the informant his plane fare to and from New York, but MILLER advised on that date that he could not turn the money over to the informant until February 22, 1954 due to the fact that it was on a Sunday. The informant therefore borrowed plane fare with the aid of [redacted] from neighbors since he was departing from Chicago on February 21, 1954. [redacted] obtained the plane fare from MILLER on February 22 last, at which time MILLER told him that he would give him the money on loan because of the "new regime". By this the informant explained that MILLER meant that where he formerly advanced money to the informant without expecting payment, that since the death of WILLIAM WEINER it would

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not be possible for him to give money to the informant. Informant, following his return to Chicago, advised this office that under these circumstances, he is paying back the money to MILLER on installments with the understanding that the money MILLER advanced was a loan to the informant.

The informant on March 17, 1954 submitted the following approximate itemization of expenses incurred during the above described trip:

Plane fare to New York and return, including cabs to and from airport	\$105.00
Food purchased for use in WILLIAM WEINER's home while informant was living there	45.00
Food for informant, WEINER family during the funeral period, and food also purchased by informant in connection with meetings with Communist Party functionaries, including WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and wife, ARNOLD JOHNSON, BETTY GANNETT, LENA SCHERER, and others	30.00
Memoriam add purchased by informant for publication in "Daily Worker" in memory of WILLIAM WEINER	15.00
Flowers, including wreath for WILLIAM WEINER from CG 5824-S and NY 694-S	20.00
Cab travel metropolitan area including transportation for CG 5824-S, NY 694-S, and the WEINER family during the mourning period and to funeral	25.00
Metropolitan train travel for informant from WEINER residence to Manhattan together with metropolitan phone calls	15.00
Longdistance telephone calls between CG 5824-S and NY 694-S in arranging for New York trip. (Four calls)	<u>12.50</u>
Total itemized expense	\$267.50

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A receipt has been obtained from the informant for the advance for expenses furnished by the New York Office to CG 5824-S, and this receipt has been forwarded to New York.

The informant has agreed that the \$250 advance made by the Bureau will be in full satisfaction for the approximate expenditure of the informant in the amount of \$280, and therefore, no recommendation is being made for additional reimbursement of the informant in connection with his eleven days New York trip.

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